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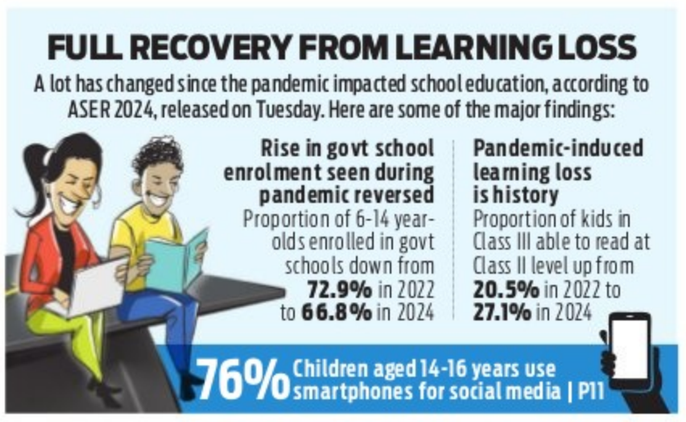
FULL RECOVERY FROM LEARNING LOSS
A lot has changed since the pandemic impacted school education, according to ASER 2024, released on Tuesday. Here are some of the major findings:
Rise in govt school enrolment seen during pandemic reversed
Proportion of 6-14 year-olds enrolled in govt schools down from 72.9% in 2022 to 66.8% in 2024
Pandemic-induced learning loss is history
Proportion of kids in Class III able to read at Class II level up from 20.5% in 2022 to 27.1% in 2024
76% Children aged 14-16 years use smartphones for social media | P11

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# First call: Don nudges Modi to buy US weapons

## Says he expects Modi to do 'what is right' on return of undocumented Indians in the US

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA should look at buying more American security equipment to make the bilateral trade ties equitable, US President Donald Trump told Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his telephone call on Monday, the White House said.

Separately, Trump told reporters that Modi might visit the US in February. Sources said both countries are looking at finalising dates for a meeting in February or March.

Responding to a query, Trump said he and Modi discussed various issues including immigration. The US president said he hopes Modi "will do what's right" regarding the return of Indians who came to the US illegally.

Meanwhile, Trump reiterated his stance on imposing tariffs on countries that 'harm' the US. Speaking to House Republicans at a Florida retreat on Monday, he called out China and Brazil for having high tariffs. He also put India in this category, signalling the complex nature of diplomatic negotiations ahead.

In its statement on the Modi-Trump telecon, the White House said it was a productive call. It said the two leaders expressed their desire to deepen bilateral cooperation and discussed important issues including security in the Indo-Pacific, West Asia, and Europe.

"The President emphasized the importance of India increasing its procurement of American-made security equipment and moving toward a fair bilateral trading relationship," it said.

The US is India's largest trade partner and the two-way trade between the two nations surpassed $118 billion in 2023-24, with India recording $32 billion surplus.

The White House said Trump and Modi emphasized their commitment to "advance the US-India strategic partnership and the Indo-Pacific Quad partnership, with India hosting Quad Leaders for the first time later this year."

**PM TO VISIT U.S.**

Trump said Modi is likely to visit the US in February. According to sources, both sides are working to finalise mutually convenient dates in February or March

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## 13 DEVIS HONOURED

(First row from left) Suchithra Balasubramanian (Harikatha exponent), Vishnuvardhan (film director who received the award on behalf of his wife Anu Vardhan), G Brinda (choreographer and director), Arundhathi Subramaniam (poet and author); (2nd row) Omana Thomas (educator), Rajavalli Rajiv (entrepreneur), Khatija Rahman (musician), Sudha Ragunathan (Carnatic vocalist), Jerlin Anika (Arjuna awardee); (3rd row) Chitra Visweswaran (danseuse), Preethi Srinivasan (Co-founder, Soulfree), Dr Sudha Seshayyan (director, SASTRA University, Chennai) got the awards. Preetha Reddy (V-C of Apollo Hospitals), Prabhu Chawla (Editorial Director of TNIE), Lakshmi Menon (CEO of TNIE) and Santwana Bhattacharya (Editor of TNIE) are also seen | P7

EXPRESS READ

### Kris Gopalakrishnan booked under SC/ST Act

Bengaluru: The police have registered an FIR against Infosys co-founder Senapathy Kris Gopalakrishnan, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) director Govindan Rangarajan, former director Padmanabhan Balaram and 15 members from IISc under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act. P5

### Stage collapses at UP religious event, 7 killed

Baghpat (UP): Seven people died and at least 60 were injured when a temporary wooden structure collapsed at a religious event in Baraut city of Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday. The incident occurred during a programme organised for the 'Abhishek' of Lord Adinath. P12

# FROM HISTORY TO AI, A STAGE FOR DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

INCISIVE discussions on education, culture, and governance captivated audience as scholars articulated their vision on the second day of the 13th edition of the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 hosted by *The New Indian Express* in Chennai. With focus on history, technology, morality, and skilling, speakers addressed India's pressing challenges and opportunities at the event, presented by SASTRA University, on Tuesday.

Karnataka IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge addressed India's skilling crisis, outlining Karnataka's initiatives in areas like semiconductor and AI. Tanuj Bhojwani and Professor Venkatesh Balasubramanian spoke about India's potential as a global AI leader while addressing ethical and societal challenges.

Economist Sanjeev Sanyal opened the day by revisiting 'Lost History,' highlighting neglected revolutionaries like Mewa Singh Lopoke and VVS Aiyar. He argued for rewriting the 'biased colonial narratives'. Author Vikram Sampath expanded on this, examining polarising figures like Tipu Sultan and Veer Savarkar and calling for diverse perspectives in decoding history. BJP state president K Annamalai advocated for restoring Tamil Nadu's cultural and economic strength, spelling out strategies and solutions for the state's environmental and educational challenges. While Telangana Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka underscored the need for cooperative governance, Bihar Governor Arif Mohammed Khan called for an education system rooted in morality and liberation.

Historian Anirudh Kanisetti traced the Chola Empire's legacy of cultural integration, demonstrating India's enduring diversity. Discussions on civility in public discourse featured Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan, Dr Kanimozhi NVN Somu, Gautami, and Sasikanth Senthil critiquing the rise of hate speech and sensationalism on social media. Swami Shailendra Saraswati reflected on religion's spiritual essence. The day concluded with Carnatic vocalist Sandeep Narayan and artist Radhe Jaggi, who captivated the audience with insights into art's transformative power.

Over two days, the conclave featured 40 speakers across 25 sessions and 16 hours of debates. Attended by 600 students and 500 delegates, the event reinforced its legacy as India's premier education platform, offering perspectives on the nation's past, present, and future.

TNIE Editor Santwana Bhattacharya, Karnataka IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge and TNIE Political Editor Bansy Kalappa at a discussion on 'INDIA and Congress: State of Suspension' during the ThinkEdu Conclave in Chennai on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

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| 01217 | Nagpur | Danapur | 05.02.25, 09.02.25, 23.02.25 | 10.00 |
| 01218 | Danapur | Nagpur | 06.02.25, 10.02.25, 24.02.25 | 16.00 |
| 01455 | Pune Jn. | Mau Jn. | 06.02.25, 08.02.25, 21.02.25 | 10.10 |
| 01456 | Mau Jn. | Pune Jn. | 07.02.25, 09.02.25, 22.02.25 | 23.50 |
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| 01662 | Banaras | Rani Kamalapati (Bhopal) | 07.02.25, 18.02.25, 21.02.25 | 14.45 |
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| 04145 | Subedarganj | Delhi Jn. | 30.01.25, 06.02.25, 13.02.25, 20.02.25, 27.02.25 | 21.35 |
| 04146 | Delhi Jn. | Subedarganj | 31.01.25, 07.02.25, 14.02.25, 21.02.25, 28.02.25 | 9.30 |
| 04153 | Kanpur Central Jn. | Bhagalpur | 03.02.25, 10.02.25, 17.02.25 | 14.00 |
| 04154 | Bhagalpur | Kanpur Central Jn. | 04.02.25, 11.02.25, 18.02.25, 21.02.25 | 8.40 |
| 04315 | Phaphamau Jn. | Dehradun | 10.02.25, 17.02.25, 24.02.25 | 6.30 |
| 04316 | Dehradun | Phaphamau Jn. | 09.02.25, 16.02.25, 23.02.25 | 8.10 |
| 04525 | Phaphamau Jn. | Bathinda Jn. | 09.02.25, 19.02.25, 23.02.25 | 6.30 |
| 04526 | Bathinda Jn. | Phaphamau Jn. (Prayagraj) | 08.02.25, 18.02.25, 22.02.25 | 04.30 |
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| 04528 | Amb Andaura | Phaphamau Jn. (Prayagraj) | 15.02.25, 23.02.25 | 22.05 |
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| 05612 | Tundla Jn. | Kamakhya Jn | 10.02.25, 24.02.25 | 3.00 |
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| 06004 | Banaras | Kanniyakumari | 20.02.25 | 18.05 |
| 06007 | Thiruvananthapuram north | Banaras | 18.02.25 | 14.00 |
| 06007 | Thiruvananthapuram north | Banaras | 25.02.25 | 19.30 |
| 06008 | Banaras | Thiruvananthapuram north | 21.02.25, 28.02.25 | 18.05 |
| 06019 | Mangaluru Central | Varanasi Jn. | 15.02.25 | 4.15 |
| 06020 | Varanasi Jn. | Mangaluru Central | 04.02.25 | 18.20 |
| 06022 | Gaya Jn. | Thiruvananthapuram north | 07.02.25 | 23.55 |
| 06062 | Varanasi Jn. | Mangaluru Central | 18.02.25 | 18.20 |
| 06071 | Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.R Central, Chennai | Gomti Nagar | 15.02.25, 01.03.25 | 14.20 |
| 06072 | Gomti Nagar | Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.R Central, Chennai | 18.02.25, 04.03.25 | 3.45 |
| 06207 | Mysuru Jn. | Danapur | 15.02.25, 01.03.25 | 5.10 |
| 06208 | Danapur | Mysuru Jn. | 18.02.25, 04.03.25 | 23.00 |

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| 07085 | Kakinada Town Jn | Azamgarh | 20.02.25 | 20.10 |
| 07086 | Azamgarh | Vijayawada Jn. | 22.02.25 | 19.45 |
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| 07100 | Patna Jn. | Hazur Sahib Nanded | 15.02.25 | 15.30 |
| 07101 | Aurangabad | Patna Jn. | 19.02.25, 25.02.25 | 19.00 |
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| 07103 | Kacheguda | Patna Jn. | 22.02.25 | 16.45 |
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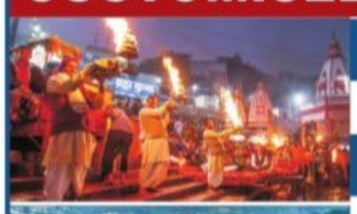

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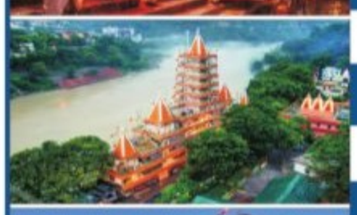

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## Kannadiga workers in banks declining, rues KDA chief

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THE number of Kannadigas working in administrative roles in banks is steadily declining, which could lead to severe social conflicts in the future, warned Purushotham Bilimale, chairman of Kannada Development Authority (KDA).

After a meeting with officials of the State Level Bankers' Committee on Tuesday, he emphasised the importance of appointing individuals proficient in the local language for roles that demand interaction with the public in banks. He cautioned that delaying this implementation could result in social conflicts across the state.

He added that SLBC will soon arrange a meeting with representatives of all banks in the state to provide detailed guidelines for making banks more citizen-friendly, by prioritising the use of Kannada in their administration. He also highlighted the importance of providing opportunities for Kannadigas in outsourced jobs in banks, and recommended including conditions in tender regulations to ensure this. Further, the SLBC has been instructed to submit a proposal to the Central government regarding local recruitment.

Bilimale also stated that newly recruited staff must undergo Kannada language training at bank training centres.

BBMP PROPOSAL

# Shops in narrow lanes could lose trade licences

Essential services, establishments started before 2015 will not be affected

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BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has said that licences of shops and business establishments located on roads lesser than 40-ft wide in residential areas, will not be renewed. This will be applicable only to those establishments which started their business post 2015.

Special Commissioner for Health Suralkar Vikas Kishore said the Palike will not renew licences of commercial shops opened in residential areas after 2015, where road width is narrow, and shops that have come up in buildings that severely violate bylaws, due to zonal regulations and Supreme Court guidelines.

As per zonal regulations, on roads less than 40ft wide, licences of business started after 2015 will be withheld and rejected with a written endorsement, the BBMP order said. It stated that shops like milk booths and those dealing with essential services will remain out of the purview of the order. "As per Building Regulations, if there are complaints about the business operating in whole or in part in buildings constructed in violation of the plan, in parking areas or on rooftops, licence renewal will be withheld and a written rejection will be issued," the order states.

According to the order, the process of licence renewal will begin on February 1, 2025, and the last date for renewal is February 28.

"Fine will be imposed after the February 28 deadline. From March 1 to 31, a fine of 25 per cent of licence renewal fee will have to be paid. From April 1, 100 per cent of licence fee will have to be paid with the fine," said a senior official.

# Water tariff hike inevitable in city: DKS

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar said on Tuesday that a hike in water tariff is inevitable in Bengaluru.

This is to help Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board improve its finances. The board incurs a loss of Rs 1,000 crore annually. The minister revealed this after a progress review meeting of various departments, including Bangalore Development Authority and Bangalore Electricity Supply Company.

Shivakumar said officials have been instructed to submit a report proposing a hike in water tariff. "A decision on increasing the water tariff will be taken once the report is submitted. Action will be taken to regularise illegal water connections and to obtain a list of total number of water connections in the city and consumption details," he added.

DCM DK Shivakumar with BBMP Administrator ACS Umashankar, Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath, Special Commissioner Munish Moudgil, BWSSB Chairman Dr Ram Prasath Manohar and BMRDA Commissioner Rajendra Cholan at a meeting in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Shivakumar said BWSSB did not increase water tariff after 2014. Because of this, it is losing Rs 1,000 crore per year. It used to receive electricity bills amounting to Rs 35 crore earlier. But now, it is getting bills amounting to Rs 75 crore a month. In all, BWSSB is losing Rs 85 crore every month," he said. Officials from BWSSB have held talks with all MLAs from the city on improving its finances. It is not possible to take loans from banks to implement BWSSB's projects. The banks say that BWSSB is making losses and they can't help. Several financial organisations, including JICA, have sought guarantees for loans to be provided by them. Hence, the water tariff hike is inevitable, he said. Those having illegal water connections should get them regularised. "We have to take some tough decisions for the survival of BWSSB," he said. He said 15,000 new connections have been given under the Cauvery Phase V project. BWSSB will give 20,000 more connections soon.

### 'Invite tenders for ₹17,780-cr tunnel road project'

Shivakumar said that he has instructed officials to invite tenders for the Rs 17,780-crore tunnel road project. A deadline of three-and-a-half years will be set for completion of the project in two phases. The palike and the state government will provide grants. Institutions such as Power Finance Corporation and HUDCO have come forward to provide loans, he added.

## Jakkur railway overbridge to be ready by Ugadi

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THE work on the railway overbridge at Jakkur, which has been in limbo for the last 11 years, is gaining pace and is all set to be completed by Ugadi, according to officials.

BBMP Major Roads Division officials said the project was initially taken up by the South Western Railways and the contractor completed eight pillars and girder beam work. But because of land acquisition issues, the completion of the upward and downward ramp was incomplete. This resulted in the contractor abandoning the project midway, citing cost escalation. The project was then handed over to the BBMP.

"Based on the direction of the BBMP chief commissioner, another contractor was brought in and the Rs 15 crore project is gaining pace. The precast work for the ramp is being done. It will be completed in three months. Hopefully, by Ugadi it will be inaugurated," said an official in the BBMP Road Infrastructure Department.

The official also said the bridge, once completed, will be another route for buses to reach Yelahanka from Shivajinagar. Vehicles coming from Hennur and Horamavu can enter Nagavara, Mariyannanapalya, Amruthahalli and Jakkur and again reach Yelahanka. Residents from Jakkur Amruthahalli and surrounding areas said the flyover is a long-pending project. The delay in its completion was causing a lot of inconvenience, they added.

"School buses have to take alternative routes which are not very safe and cause traffic jams. At the railway gate, there is always a traffic jam. The magic box created is also not very safe during rain. Jakkur-Sampigehalli Road, an interior road, is being overused and is accident-prone. Completion of this will be a great gift to the residents of Jakkur and Sampigehalli," said Annapoorna Kamath, a resident.

PUBLIC SIESTA

A man along with two dogs takes an afternoon nap at Gandhi Park on Seshadri Road on Tuesday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

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### YMI hosts charity banquet and musical night

Bengaluru: Young Minds International (YMI), a social service organisation, hosted a Charity Banquet and Musical Night on Saturday. Renal care and Dialysis is one of the main projects of YMI and a cheque of Rs 10 lakh was handed over by international president Dr K C Samuel along with other leaders to aid in the establishment of a Renal Care Centre.

### Presidency University celebrates Republic Day

Bengaluru: Padma Shri Anupama Hoskere unfurled the National Flag at Presidency University on the occasion of the 76th Republic Day celebration on Sunday. The event was graced by Chancellor of presidency university Nissar Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor Vijayan Immanuel, and Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Vidya Shankar Shetty. Master puppeteer and founder-director of Dhaatu Puppet Theatre, Anupama Hoskere, emphasised the importance of knowing and appreciating the rich cultural heritage of our nation. Highlighting the significance of various Indian art forms and the beautiful unity in diversity that makes India a great country, she also encouraged students to pursue their passions and take pride in being Indians.

### Indian Bank opens MedTransit guest house

Bengaluru: Indian Bank MedTransit Guest House at Ranka Colony, Bilekahalli was inaugurated by Brajesh Kumar Singh, Executive Director of Indian Bank on Monday. The guest house was part of the staff welfare initiatives. The event was also graced by Pankaj Tripathi, Field General Manager; CD Rama Rao, Zonal Manager; AP Mahapatra, Deputy General Manager, Inspection Centre along with other executives and staff members. Speaking at the event, Brajesh Kumar Singh said that the facility is aimed at providing comfortable and economical accommodation for ailing staff members or ailing dependent staff, visiting the city for medical treatment.

## Get your Philately Passport, visit landmarks in Karnataka

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A novel document which could offer a fillip to tourism in the State, 'Philately Passport', was launched by the Karnataka Postal Circle at GPO Bengaluru. It inspires residents to visit landmarks in Karnataka and get stamps of the spot cancelled at the post office nearest to it.

Launched on January 25, it is available in English, Kannada and Hindi at all the philatelic bureaus of the State - Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru and Belagavi. A total of 80 permanent pictorial cancellations (PPCs) have been released; PPC refers to a unique postmark that features an image of a significant site, person or event pertaining to the State.




Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Rajendra S Kumar told *TNIE*, "The first PPC of Karnataka was released at Badami on September 29, 1987. At least one PPC has been released since then for each district, and we have 80 of them until December 31, 2024."

The passport will have a brief description of the historical site or event on the left hand pages, where the PPC issued will also be imprinted. The passport costs Rs 550 and is on sale at the four philatelic bureaus.

"For instance, a traveller who buys a stamp of Vidhana Soudha can later visit the landmark and get a cancellation at the post office there," he said. To incentivise the public to participate in this initiative, the Circle plans to honour those who complete the Philately Passport with all 80 cancellations before National Tourism Day next year.

**Book released**

The department released the book 'Ramayana on Stamps' penned by M Lokeshwar Rao, retired IFS officer who served as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in Nagaland.

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**29th January: The emotional dial is ramped up a notch or two. The facts mean a lot less than how people feel, so try to keep everything on an even keel. It's fine to have secrets, but make sure you are true to yourself, and take time to ensure that younger relations feel good about themselves.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It would not be difficult to blame other people's bad management or intransigence for your problems. However, with the Moon turning its attention to your personal activities, you may, if you wish, blame the stars. That won't let you off the hook in the long run, though!

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Something is going to catch you by surprise, but it may be that what occurs is, in some strange way, a complete non-event. The best thing you can do today is remain cool, calm and collected. Always follow a practical course: it's fine to express

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
At the moment you need to take quite a lot on trust, mainly at work. You must make a point of delegating important tasks at home, if only because there are now signs that you could soon be worn out and in need of a rest. Plus, of course, it's about time that others did their fair share.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
The chance to make a major move at work is definitely there, but the window of opportunity is very slight. Do not let financial fears or worries stand in the way of an important ambition. Ask questions and face up to doubts - but stick to your guns.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
By rights you ought to be flavour of the day, but what is given with one hand may be taken away with the other. Typical! Therefore there may be a fair bit of frustration later on, but there's little point in acting on the basis of resentment, because you might blame the wrong person.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There will be time enough later in the week to restore your emotional equilibrium. You may therefore allow yourself a few risks today, although the only schemes which succeed will be deeply traditional. More up-to-date ideas should be left until you're sure of your ground.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
One set of small cycles is now in a critical phase and you really do seem to have reached a point of no return but, whether this is a bad thing or not, is a complicated matter. In fact I'd say that, if you can put a personal problem behind you, you will do yourself one enormous favour!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
If there's one thing that's certain then it's that everything is changing. Your planetary positions will be moving on to the point where it will be almost inevitable that you will have to participate in an argument, even if it's not of your own making.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
All those intense planets are making it rather difficult to work out just what exactly is going on. If you wish to stand around and scratch your head, all well and good. Don't allow partners, driven as they are by today's emotional moon, to pressurise you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
If there is an opportunity to improve matters at home, a chance to solve a family problem or settle a domestic matter, please move as quickly as you can. Events may be hard to control, but you must do your best. Some people would say that it's not as important to succeed as to try your best.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
In any meaningful relationship both partners must learn to give and take. This principle applies to your professional as much as to your private life, but may be impossible to achieve. Therefore, you should only make promises today if you know you can carry them out.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You must now determine whether you have been too hasty - or not, as the case may be. Hopefully a financial problem may now be settled, although I should imagine you may have to face the consequences and cough up. You might end up with less cash - but greater respect.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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SUDOKU EASY

**TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE**

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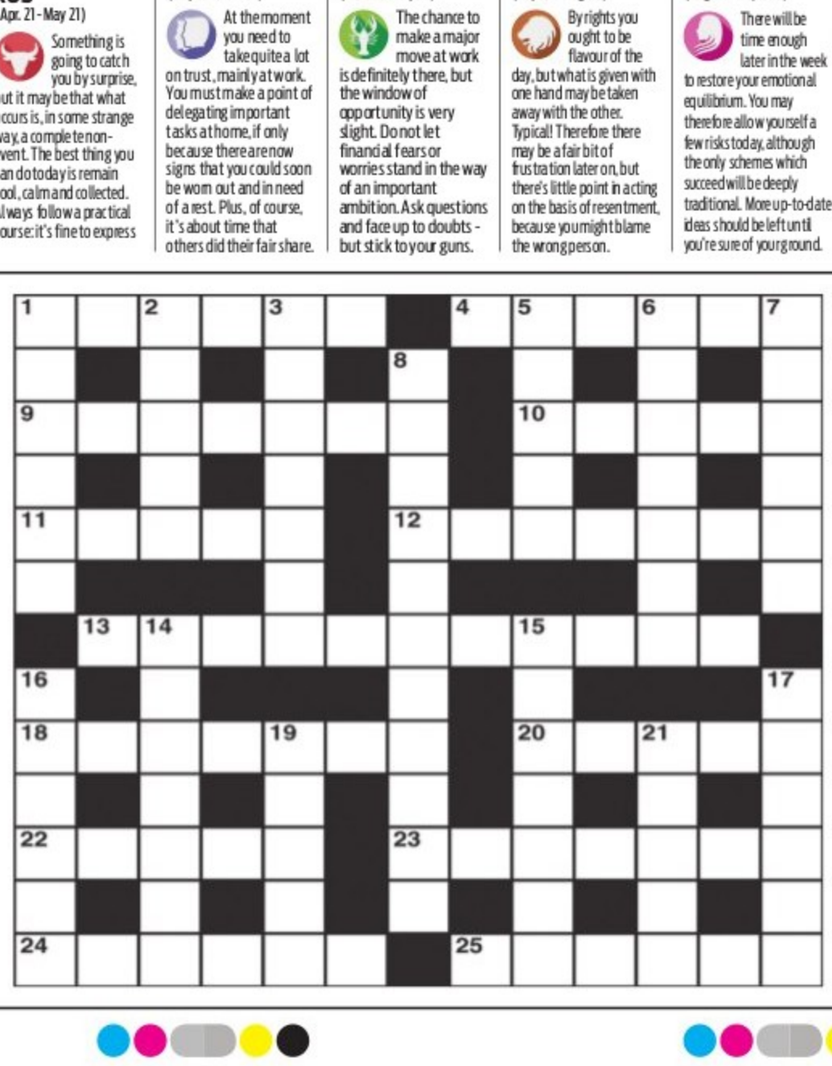

**CROSS WORD**

**ACROSS**
1 Out of the office but ready to receive calls? (2,4)
4 Fool returns the container with good humour (6)
9 Staff instruction to get a move on (7)
10 Having no inclination for a palindrome (5)
11 Cop takes it badly in the eye (5)
12 Carried on in the nude perhaps though embarrassed (7)
13 Moving experience for one who takes a back seat (7,4)
18 One responsible for a put-up job (7)
20 Hairstyle produces a row (5)
22 He's bound to do a hard day's work (5)
23 He deprives others of their occupation (7)
24 Seat is got ready for a snooze (6)
25 I'm not one to weaken (6)

**DOWN**
1 Aggressive female goes to sea (6)
2 Number in the crowd to see the composer (5)
3 Supernatural calm created round a soldier (7)
5 I'd acted as a guide yet didn't do any work (5)
6 Faltered when describing a sea of blood (7)
7 Fuss about the French in Spain (6)
8 Invitation I forget carelessly causing breakdown (4,2,5)
14 Repeat performance of eccentric tea rite (7)
15 A service for the rest of the dead (7)
16 People count (6)
17 The initial mistake causes panic (6)
19 Taking offence (5)
21 Former craft raised as a bonus (5)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Implore, 5 Cocoa, 8 Printer's error, 9 Learn, 10 Empress, 11 Grease, 12 Brutal, 15 Account, 17 Anvil, 19 Broken romance, 20 Ruled, 21 Exposes.

**Down:** 1 Impel, 2 Private school, 3 Outings., 4 Earned, 5 Cheap, 6 Current events, 7 Aerosol, 11 Clamber, 13 Roadmap, 14 Starve, 16 Up-end, 18 Leeks.

**JUMBLE** UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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OCBWYO

I think the citizens are fed up with your governing.
What's all the ruckus?
This is it! We're done for!
12/4
THE ROMAN EMPIRE WAS CRUMBLING AND WOULD ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: QUILT FLASH GROOVY CANNON
Answer: The zeros' attempt to arrange themselves into a positive number was — ALL FOR NOTHING

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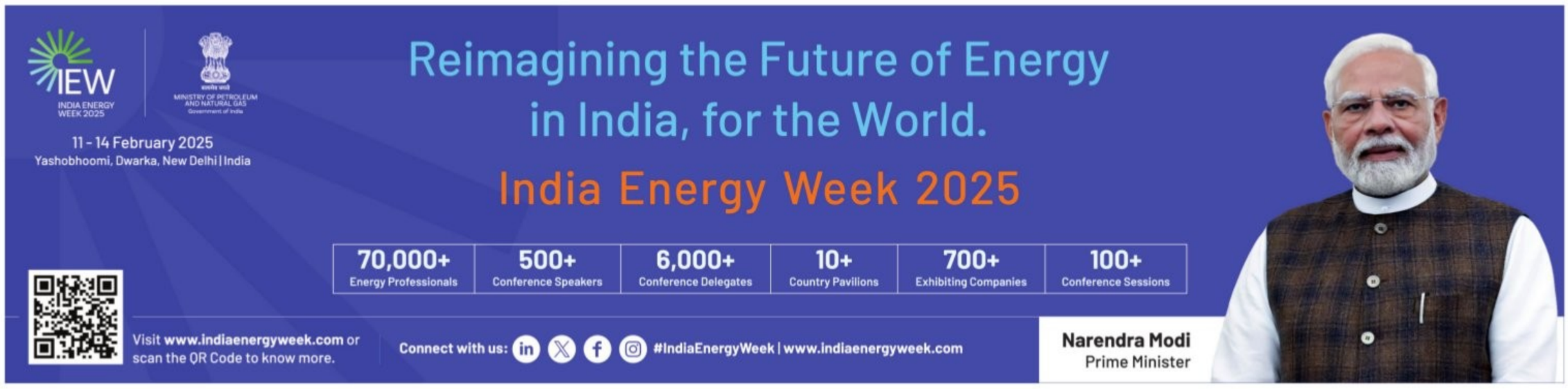
Income Tax sleuths conducted surprise raids on prominent business tycoons in Belagavi on Tuesday. The residences of Vinod and Pushadanat Doddannavar of DB Group of Companies, Ashok Humbarwadi of Ashok Iron Group-- one of the largest foundry groups in the state -- and Ajit Patil were raided. The I-T officials were examining documents related to these businessmen's wealth and income till late evening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# Kris Gopalakrishnan, 17 others booked under SC/ST Act

FIR: Infy co-founder, others falsely implicated ex-faculty in honey trap case to dismiss him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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SADASHIVANAGAR police have registered an FIR against Infosys co-founder **Senapathy Kris Gopalakrishnan**, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) director Govindan Rangarajan, former director Padmanabhan Balaram and 15 members from IISc under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Gopalakrishnan is a member of the IISc Board of Trustees. The FIR was registered on Monday based on a private complaint filed by former faculty member Prof D Sanna Durgappa, 53, who accused them of dismissing him from service based on a fake honey trap case and subjecting him to casteist abuse.

Durgappa, who was a professor with Centre for Sustainable Technologies, had approached the 71st city civil and session court. The court directed Sadashivanagar police to initiate action. According to the FIR, the accused wrongly implicated the complainant in a fake honey trap case in 2014 to dismiss him from service. Durgappa, who hails from the tribal Bhovi community, claimed that he was subjected to casteist abuse during his tenure at IISc.

The other accused are Sridhar Warrier, Nirmala, Sandya Vishweswaraiah, Anjali A Karande, Hari KVS, Dasappa, Hemalata Mhishi, Chattopadhyaya K, Pradeep D Sawkar, Manoharan, Abhilash Raju, Namrata Gundaiah, Dipshika Chakravarthy, Balachandran P and Anil Kumar.

# Couple, friend nabbed for cheating realtor of ₹5.75 cr

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THREE persons, including a husband-and-wife duo, have been arrested by Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths for allegedly cheating a realtor of Rs 5.75 crore. Realtor Nisar Ahmed had filed the complaint on January 13. The accused have been identified as Rekha (38), her husband Manjunathachari (40) and their friend Chetan (35). Rekha was arrested from a PG accommodation in Hoskote and her husband from KR Puram on January 16. Both of them were sent to 14-day police custody on January 17. Chetan, who was arrested in Sakleshpur on January 22, was sent to police custody for five days.

The woman, who is the main accused, told the realtor that she and two others were the key witnesses to the February 2010 Carlton Towers fire tragedy and that the building owner had promised to give them Rs 25 crore to turn hostile. She claimed that Rs 6 crore has already been deposited in her account, but due to nonpayment

of taxes, her account was frozen by the ED and IT. She initially asked the realtor to help her with Rs 7 lakh to get the account unfrozen by paying the taxes. She also hoodwinked him into giving her Rs 1 crore, promising to give him Rs six crore when the entire amount is deposited in her account. Subsequently, Ahmed gave Rs 5.75 crore in total to Rekha.

"Rekha had contacts with financiers and private banks and was assisting people who wanted loans. Ahmed came in contact with Rekha in 2023 as he was in need of some loan," said an officer. There are many cheating cases and a cheque bounce case against Rekha at various police stations. After finding out that she is a habitual offender and cheated many people by dropping the names of politicians, the realtor approached the CCB and filed a complaint. Following this, Rekha's bank accounts were frozen. The police officers also found out that bank transactions worth nearly Rs 24 crore were made from her account from 2022 to 2024.

Rekha is also accused of cheating an engineer through a social networking service platform. She blackmailed him of Rs 3.1 lakh by threatening to share his private videos. The engineer had filed a complaint against her with the Basavanagudi police.

**ONE VOICE FOR DEMANDS**

Anganwadi workers stage a protest demanding minimum wages and other amenities from the state government, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

**Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Memorial Educational Institution (Regd),Madhugiri**
**Ratnaranjaka Nilayam, Hindupur Road, Madhugiri - 572132**
**RECRUITMENT OF AIDED PHYSICAL EDUCATION LECTURER**

As per **vide Order No. 1057227: DPUE- EST30UU(LPA)/3/2023-R AND G 20/01/2025** of The Hon'ble Director, Department of School Education (Pre-University) 18th Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore. Applications are invited from eligible candidates to fill the vacant post of Physical Education Lecturer created due to death of the faculty in Gowthama Buddha Aided Pre-University College, Madhugiri managed by our Institution as per the Goverment Order.

| Sl.No. | College Name | Post | Subject | Number of Posts | Educational Qualification | Reservation basis |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Gowthama Buddha Aided Pre-University College, Madhugiri-0084 | Physical Education Lecturer | Physical Education | 1 | Must have obtained 55% in M.P.E.D. | Not Applicable |

**Application Procedure:-** Eligible candidates should submit their own handwritten application with complete information along with their Educational Qualification, Caste Certificate, Birth Certificate and other activities related Certificates Copies attested by Notary. Candidates should submit a **Bank DD of Rs.1,000** favouring: **Secretary, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Memorial Educational Institution (Regd) Madhugiri,** to be attached with the application and should submit the application to the following address within **21 days** of the publication and a copy of the application along with the necessary documents should be sent to the **Honorable Deputy Director, School Education Department (Pre-University) Education Department, District Central Library Premises, Tumkur.** The application should be submitted to him within the specified date. If the application has not reached to the relevant address within the specified period, the application will be rejected. Educational qualification, age limit, pay scale will be as per the government rules.

**Applications to be sent to:**
**Secretary, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Memorial Educational Institution (Regd), Madhugiri, Ratnaranjaka Nilayam, Hindupur Road, Madhugiri – 572132**

**Date: 29/01/2025**
**Place: Madhugiri**

Sd/-
Pramiladevi.D., Secretary,
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Memorial Educational Institution (R), Madhugiri,
Ratnaranjaka Nilaya, Hindupur Road, Madhugiri -572132

# HC: Getting maintenance through court not extortion

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GETTING maintenance through a court order does not amount to extortion, the Karnataka High Court said while quashing the extortion and other charges levelled by a man against his wife. "There cannot be an offence of extortion when the wife initiates proceedings for maintenance and the court concerned grants it. Those are legal proceedings, pursuant to which the husband is legally bound to pay unless it is altered or modified by a superior court," said Justice M Nagaprasanna while allowing the petition filed by the woman questioning the crime registered by her husband, who is from Mangaluru.

The court allowed both the petitions filed by the husband and wife questioning the crime and counter crime registered by each other in Mangaluru and Bengaluru in 2023 following a matrimonial dispute.

The petitioners were married in 2007 and their relationship strained in 2020 after the husband received a message through Facebook that his wife had a relationship with her ex-boyfriend. Then the wife filed a complaint against her husband on charges of domestic violence and others. Later, the husband also filed a complaint against his wife including on the charges of extortion.

**EXPRESS READ**

### 3 held for selling 5-yr-old boy for Rs 3.5L

Belagavi: Three people have been arrested for selling a five-year-old boy from Sultanpur in Hukkeri taluk for Rs 3.5 lakh to a couple in Varavade, Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. The acused are Sangeeta Soma Hammannavar alias Gawli (40) of Madyal, Kolhapur district, Mohan Babaji Tawde (64) and his wife Sangeeta Tawde (45), both residents of Nivali, Ratnagiri district. The couple who bought the boy is also under investigation, and legal action is being pursued against them, police said. **ENS**

### SBI rolls out cybercrime awareness vehicle

Bengaluru: In a bid to spread cybercrime awareness in the public, SBI Bengaluru Circle, in coordination with the West CEN Police, have flagged off a vehicle with digital display on cyber frauds. The launch took place at the SBI Local Head Office campus, attended by Girish S, DCP (West); Joohi Smita Sinha, Chief General Manager; Sarma Nageswara Varahabatla, General Manager, Network II; and Sushil Kumar Singh, General Manager, Network I; along with other senior bank officials. The vehicle will travel to prominent locations in the city to educate the public on staying vigilant and informed about ongoing cybercrime, aiming to enhance awareness. **ENS**

### Man dies of monoxide poisoning in factory

Koppal: A worker at the Hospet Ispat Steel Factory (Kamini Industries) near Allanagar here died following suspected carbon monoxide poisoning on Tuesday evening. Nine others are undergoing treatment with one in a critical condition. A worker near the factory said, "The one part of the factory was shut for many days and four workers were sent on Tuesday to clean the unit. The workers were sent inside the CD discharge unit without any safety equipment." **ENS**

### Two from Bihar die in boiler blast at Tumakuru factory

Tumakuru: Two labourers from Bihar died and three others suffered severe burns when a boiler exploded at a food and oil manufacturing factory at Antharasanahalli industrial area here on Tuesday. Those with severe burns were shifted to the district general hospital and their condition is said to be critical. The deceased have been identified as Chandan Sharma, 26, and Santhosh, 23. The rice bran oil boiler exploded around 3.45 pm at Parimala Agro Foods and Feeds Private Ltd. Superintendent of police KV Ashok and district labour officer Tejavathy visited the factory. The owner and the supervisor of the factory have been booked for ignoring safety norms. They will soon be arrested, Ashok told TNIE. **ENS**

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**STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

(Rs. In Crores)

| S. No | Particulars | Standalone | | | Consolidated | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Quarter ended | | Year ended | Quarter ended | | Year ended |
| | | 31.12.2024 | 31.12.2023 | 31.03.2024 | 31.12.2024 | 31.12.2023 | 31.03.2024 |
| | | (Unaudited) | | (Audited) | (Unaudited) | | (Audited) |
| 1 | Total income from operations | 9,097.05 | 8,245.01 | 31,776.37 | 11,134.63 | 10,113.94 | 39,144.74 |
| 2 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period ( before Tax, Exceptional items) | 836.68 | 775.02 | 2,780.66 | 905.92 | 750.23 | 2,702.92 |
| 3 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items) | 836.68 | 775.02 | 2,780.66 | 905.92 | 750.23 | 2,702.92 |
| 4 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items) | 618.48 | 593.35 | 2,083.00 | 609.35 | 509.61 | 1,778.54 |
| 5 | Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)] | 619.74 | 604.41 | 2,063.26 | 573.02 | 540.26 | 1,725.07 |
| 6 | Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each) | 47.51 | 47.51 | 47.51 | 47.51 | 47.51 | 47.51 |
| 7 | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) | - | - | 7,683.53 | - | - | 6,736.00 |
| 8 | Security Premium Account | - NOT APPLICABLE - | | | | | |
| 9 | Networth | 9,576.12 | 7,615.14 | 7,725.95 | 8,299.15 | 6,744.77 | 6,751.08 |
| 10 | Outstanding Debt | 1,145.39 | 1,162.83 | 1,027.61 | 23,357.35 | 23,360.48 | 22,930.82 |
| 11 | Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares | - NOT APPLICABLE - | | | | | |
| 12 | Debt Equity Ratio (Times) | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.13 | 2.82 | 3.43 | 3.38 |
| 13 | Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each)<br>(i) Basic (in Rs.)<br>(ii) Diluted (in Rs.) | <br>13.02<br>13.02 | <br>12.49<br>12.49 | <br>43.84<br>43.84 | <br>11.91<br>11.91 | <br>10.08<br>10.08 | <br>35.50<br>35.50 |
| 14 | Capital Redemption Reserve | - NOT APPLICABLE - | | | | | |
| 15 | Debenture Redemption Reserve | - NOT APPLICABLE - | | | | | |
| 16 | Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times) | 5.49 | 2.21 | 2.52 | 3.22 | 0.96 | 1.50 |
| 17 | Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times) | 30.43 | 28.88 | 21.64 | 12.88 | 13.88 | 10.53 |
| 18 | Current Ratio (Times) | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.64 | 1.03 | 1.05 | 1.02 |
| 19 | Long term debt to working capital (Times) | - | - | - | 1.99 | 2.34 | 2.44 |
| 20 | Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 21 | Current liability ratio (Times) | 0.87 | 0.77 | 0.79 | 0.66 | 0.61 | 0.61 |
| 22 | Total debts to total assets ratio (Times) | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.59 | 0.61 | 0.60 |
| 23 | Debtors Turnover ratio (Times) | 24.70 | 28.75 | 27.86 | 22.39 | 27.54 | 25.29 |
| 24 | Inventory Turnover ratio (Times) | 17.48 | 17.82 | 17.97 | 11.87 | 11.56 | 11.71 |
| 25 | Operating Margin (%) | 11.9 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 9.9 |
| 26 | Net Profit Margin (%) | 6.8 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.5 |

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).
2. Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.
3. The Detailed Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended 31st December 2024 can be accessed through the below QR Code:

Date : 28th January 2025

For TVS Motor Company Limited
Sd/-
Prof. Sir Ralf Dieter Speth
Chairman

Villagers tied up three cattle thieves to an electric pole and beat them up in Maigowdanahalli, Hassan district, on Tuesday. Police detained the three and seized a vehicle used to transport cattle. During interrogation, the trio admitted that they were lurking around to steal cows during the night

# AICC president seeks ₹5,000 cr from FM for KK region

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AHEAD of the Union Budget, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge has written to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, urging her to provide Rs 5,000 crore for the development of the Kalyana Karnataka region.

In his letter, Kharge said it is a matter of critical importance concerning the Hyderabad-Karnataka region. Due to historical circumstances and persistent socioeconomic disparities, the region has lagged behind the rest of Karnataka in critical indices such as health, education and infrastructure, making it one of the state's most underdeveloped areas, he said.

Kharge also pointed out that the Karnataka Government has made considerable efforts to address the issues and allocated Rs 5,000 crore annually to the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board. "The demand for resources remains high due to the region's vast geographical expanse, and the problem is multi-faceted," he said, adding that the state government has also passed a resolution demanding Rs 5,000 crore special grant from Centre.

# CM tells officials to ensure 10% conviction rate in atrocity cases

## Siddaramaiah slams officials for accused managing to get bail

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday directed police and other senior officials to ensure at least 10% conviction rate in atrocity cases in Karnataka. He took the officials to task as the conviction rate in Karnataka has come down compared to 2020.

He slammed the senior officials as the accused in such cases are getting bail. He said if the accused in serious atrocity cases are getting bail with ease, it is because of their careless work. "If this continues, we might not be able to control such cases," he said. There are 665 atrocity cases which are under probe in the state.

The CM said in atrocity cases, the chargesheet has to be filed within 60 days. "In case the accused goes to court to get a stay order, officials have to discuss it with the advocate general and vacate the stay order," he said. He was speaking at the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) Awareness Committee meeting, which he convened on Tuesday. He discussed various issues, including conviction rate in SC/ST cases, the reservation backlogs and other issues.

Later talking to the media, he said the conviction rate in 2020 was 10% which has come down to 7% now. Public prosecutors and the police have to work together and convene meetings. Deputy commissioners concerned should conduct review meetings once in three months. "If officials are lethargic, action will be taken against them," he warned.

Stressing on the backlog and promotion in various departments, he directed the chief secretary to convene a meeting with various departments to review the delay in such cases.

He warned deputy commissioners, senior police officials and others that if Devadasi practice cases are reported in their districts, officers would be held responsible. Also, it is the responsibility of the DCs to ensure rehabilitation of children of Devadasis. "I do not want to listen to any complaints in this regard," he added. He also warned officials to ensure that the caste certificate is not issued for ineligible people, failing which action will be taken.

Chief Minister Siddramaiah and Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa at a Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) Awareness Committee meeting at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

> **In case the accused goes to court to get a stay order, officials have to discuss it with the advocate general and vacate the stay order**
> —Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

POLITICS AROUND LAND SCAM

# CM confident of getting justice in MUDA case

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said they are confident that they will get justice in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case.

"The court has reserved its judgment (on a petition seeking CBI probe into MUDA case). Why will I be apprehensive? We are confident of getting justice," the CM told reporters.

Siddaramaiah said the Karnataka High Court has stayed the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) notice to his wife. The judge had observed that why there's such a hurry when the probe is going on and the petition seeking a CBI probe is being heard, he said. Responding to a question, the CM said the case is "politically motivated".

Responding to a question on AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's remarks that a dip in river Ganga during Maha Kumbh won't remove poverty, the CM said, "Ask Kharge. My view is also... It is a belief that bathing in the River Ganga washes past sins. We are all (12th century social reformer) Basavanna's followers. Sins and virtues are all here..."

Meanwhile, state BJP leaders hit out at Kharge. BJP MLC N Ravi Kumar said it is not right for the Congress leader to speak lightly about Hindu religion. "Mallikarjun Kharge must apologise for his remarks and resign as AICC president," he said.

# Snehamayi lodges plaint, says GTD acquired 19 sites under 50:50 scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

WITH the Lokayukta having submitted its investigation report to the High Court regarding the alleged MUDA site scam involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, fresh allegations have surfaced against Chamundeshwari JDS MLA **GT Devegowda**, accusing him of acquiring 19 sites through illegal means under the 50:50 ratio arrangement.

Activist Snehamayi Krishna on Tuesday visited the Mysuru Lokayukta office and lodged a complaint against Devegowda and his son, Hunsur MLA Harish Gowda, alleging that Devegowda misused his power to secure 19 sites, without providing compensation for 2.22 acres of land in Survey No 81/2 in Devanur.

Supporting his claims, Krishna released a photograph of Devegowda visiting the landowner's residence for negotiations. After filing the complaint, Snehamayi Krishna stated that several politicians and influential individuals had acquired sites under benami names and this is one such case. He submitted evidence to the Lokayukta, alleging misuse of power by Devegowda.

He further claimed that Devegowda and Harish Gowda had purchased 2.22 acres of land in Survey No. 81/2 without compensating the original owner. Instead, they allegedly acquired 19 sites illegally under 50:50 arrangement. He also accused Devegowda's nephew, Mahendra, of obtaining sites under the same scheme.

"I have provided the Lokayukta with documents and photographs, including evidence of GT Devegowda visiting the landowner's house. These records show how sites were acquired illegally under the 50:50 ratio scheme. I hope for a fair investigation into this matter," Krishna said.

# Centre's order debarring former HC judge from govt post stayed

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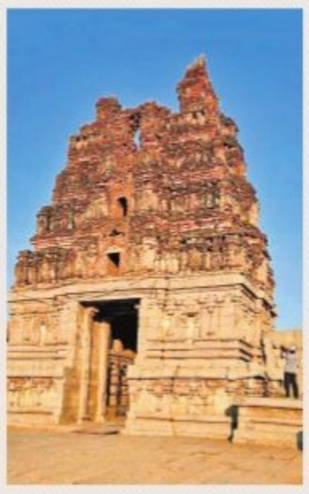
THE Karnataka High Court stayed the order passed by the Central government to debar Justice PN Desai, former HC judge, from any government appointment for three years. Justice R Devdas passed the interim order after hearing the petition by Justice Desai, questioning the order dated November 7, 2024, by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

The Karnataka government had appointed Justice Desai as the one-man commission of inquiry to look into alleged irregularities in the allotment of compensatory sites to BM Parvathy, wife of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, by Mysuru Urban Development Authority.

The ministry's order states that Justice Desai was appointed Judicial Member of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Hyderabad Bench, vide order dated August 5, 2024, with a joining time of 30 days. However, he submitted his unwillingness to join CAT due to personal reasons, though he had declared in his application for Judicial Member that he would not decline the appointment and join within 30 days from the date of appointment.

He also stated that he was aware that for any violation of these conditions, the government may debar him for three years for appointment outside the cadre, and in any autonomous body, statutory body or regulatory body. In view of violation of conditions, Justice Desai is debarred for three years with effect from October 21, 2024, for consideration of the appointment, the ministry's order stated. Senior counsel for Justice Desai argued that the petitioner was appointed Judicial Member but had requested to defer date of joining as he had already taken charge of the commission.

# *ASI conducts 3D survey of Vijaya Vittala Temple*



KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Hosapete

THE Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Hampi Circle, began the 3D survey of Vijaya Vittala Temple. The work is being carried out for the conservation of the monument in association with a private agency. Over the next few days, officials will get full digital information of the monument, and tourists are banned from entering areas when the survey is being conducted. The officials are using drones and other advanced technology to know if there is any damage to the monument. This is for the first time that such advanced technology is being used to assess the health of the monument. The work is important to preserve the temple that was built by the Vijayanagara empire between 13th and 16th century. A trial of the 3D survey was conducted last year. A senior ASI official, requesting anonymity, said the Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) and Light Detection and Ranging (Lidar) survey are being done at Vijaya Vittala Temple gopura for creating a 3D model. This will help the officials to get a horizontal positioning of the structure and give a 3D model of the Gopura. It will be accurate down to a centimetre. This will not only reduce human effort, but also give a detailed picture of the structure. This survey also provides the exact condition of the gopura to plan the repair work. "We are doing this with the help of an agency from Bengaluru. This is the first time ASI is using this technology in Hampi. We have regulated the movement of visitors till we finish the work. It could take just one day," the official added.

PENDING DUES

# KMF staff threaten to go on strike

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THE employees of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) have threatened to go on strike from February, if their demands are not met. The employees' union submitted a memorandum to the management, giving them a week's time to adhere to their demands, ending on January 31, failing which they will go on strike.

Highlighting their demands, KMF Employees Association president Govinda Gowda said they requested for dues pending under the 7th Pay Commission to be cleared at the earliest. "The government had agreed to a 25% hike under the 7th Pay Commission. It has cleared 17%, while 8% is pending. We are hoping that the demands will be met," he said.

The association comprises around 7,000 employees across the state, of whom 1,400 are higher-grade staff. When calculated, this accounts to Rs 3 crore a month to the employees. The management has reasoned that the government is yet to give its clearance for releasing the amount, a senior KMF official said. KMF supplies around 96,000-1 lakh litres of milk a day to consumers, while procuring milk through 15 unions.

# Panchayat CEOs told to treat members, presidents, vice-presidents with respect

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

PANCHAYAT Raj department authorities have sent a circular warning all taluk and district chief executive officers (CEOs) to treat Gram Panchayat members, presidents and vice-presidents with respect. "We have learnt that elected representatives from panchayats are treated as servants. This has to be stopped," the circular issued by Panchayat Raj Director N Nomesh Kumar stated.

In Karnataka, there are close to 6,000 gram panchayats with over 91,000 elected representatives. After the Panchayat Raj department received a complaint from Karnataka State Gram Panchayat Members' Federation about the disrespectful behaviour of CEOs of a few zilla panchayats and taluk panchayats, the state government decided to warn senior officials to behave with respect.

The circular, a copy of which is available with *The New Indian Express*, says that as per Article 234B of the Indian Constitution, panchayats are local bodies providing self-government for rural areas. Panchayat presidents are on par with CEOs of panchayats. "Some CEOs of zilla panchayats and taluk panchayats ill-treat presidents and other members when they visit their office. The Federation has complained that senior officials of zilla and taluk panchayats do not treat members as elected representatives, but as servants," it stated.

The circular also stressed that CEOs of taluk panchayats have to convene meetings once in two months with gram panchayat presidents and Panchayat Development Officers to discuss issues of their panchayat. "If there are any grievances, they have to be resolved," the circular said. Zilla panchayat CEOs have to convene similar meetings once in three months, and treat them with respect at all times, the circular added.

A senior department official, on condition of anonymity, said it is basic culture to treat anyone who comes home or to office with respect. "It is unfortunate that some senior officials are treating panchayat members, including presidents and vice-presidents, as their servants. This should not happen," the official said. "When panchayat members come to their office, they don't even offer a chair, and speak rudely to them." They have sent a circular to all officials, warning that if this continues, action can be taken as per law.

MARCH OF DEVOTION

Thousands take part in a Rathotsava held at Sri Kshetra Suttur, as part of the Suttur Jathra, in Mysuru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

# SHARAVATHI PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT CLEARED WITH CONDITIONS

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

DESPITE stiff opposition from experts, conservationists, serving and retired forest department officials, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday approved an energy department's proposal to undertake the Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project in the Jog Reserved Forest in the Lion-Tailed Macaque (LTM) Wildlife Sanctuary.

Speaking on the sidelines of the 19th State Wildlife Board Meeting held in the city, Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister **Eshwar B Khandre**, who is also the board member, told *The New Indian Express* that the project has been approved with certain conditions. After meeting the conditions, the proposal has to be sent to the National Board for Wildlife for approval. It is only after its clearance, can the work to generate 2,000 MW of power be taken up, he said.

Khandre said that for lion-tailed macaques to survive, the canopy has to be protected and tree felling permission cannot be given. They (energy department) were told to take up works underground ensuring there is limited tree felling, he added.

"We asked for a technical report on this along with the final Detailed Project Report (DPR). Though they had it, they did not share it with us immediately. They assured us that it will be shared. By going underground, the cost of the project will increase, but conservation is crucial here. We have told them to discuss it with technical experts," Khandre said.

The project is to generate 2000 MW of power, utilising the existing Talakalale as the upper reservoir and Gerusoppa as the lower reservoir. Both the reservoirs are proposed to be connected by pipes. An underground powerhouse cavern with eight units of 250MW reversible Francis pump turbine will be constructed between the two reservoirs and connected with tunnels. Of the 14.582ha of forest land for the project, 3.294ha will be utilised for above ground works and 11.287ha will be utilised for underground structures. The project will be executed over five years, the proposal said.

According to the recommendation made by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Wildlife, Subhash Malkhade – a copy of which is available with TNIE – instead of felling 12,000 trees of the 13,756 marked for the 12.3 km road from Nagar Basti kere to Begodi, it is ideal to go underground. The site inspection report prepared by the forest department stated that 142.763ha of land is proposed to be utilised for the Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project, of which 54.155ha is forest land and of this 14.582ha is the LTM sanctuary.

Conservationists, serving and retired forest department officials are against the project. Along with LTM, the forest patch is home to leopards, dholes, pangolins, leopard cats, brown palm civets, slender lorises, Indian crested porcupines, Jog night frogs, king cobras and other species endemic to the Western Ghats. Interestingly, in the same meeting the Board cleared to part with 1.14ha of land to generate 600 MW of wind power.

Retired PCCF BJ Hosmath said that Sharavathi Valley has been completely damaged. Whatever little that is left will also be destroyed now. "The government is reasoning that the project is needed to meet the peak power demand. But in the same breath, they say that the state is generating sufficient solar and wind power. It is also common sense that 125MW power is needed for pumping water upstream to store power. It is of no use in the long run. The LTM is a Schedule 1 species which is found nowhere else in the world," he said.

It's so freeing, it's beautiful in a way, to have in a way, to have in a great failure, there's nowhere to go but up in a way, to have

David Lynch

**PREETHI SRINIVASAN**

A published author and advocate for disability rights and inclusion, Preethi co-founded Soulfree, a trust to support individuals with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities, providing them with resources and opportunities to help them regain independence.

**SUDHA RAGUNATHAN**

One of India's foremost vocalists, Sudha has the distinction of being the only Carnatic musician second to Bharat Ratna MS Subbulakshmi to have sung at the UN. She was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2015 and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2022.

**CHITRA VISWESWARAN**

A towering figure in the world of dance, with a rich and diverse background that encompasses Carnatic music, Western Ballet, Manipuri, Kathak, Rabindranritya, Rabindrasangeet, and theatre, Chitra's body of work has graced some of the most prestigious stages globally.

**ARUNDHATHI SUBRAMANIAM**

Arundhathi is a leading poet and author of 14 books of poetry and prose. Her most recent work includes the anthology of Indian female mystic poetry. She is a recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award for Poetry 2020 and the Mahakavi Kanhaiyalal Sethia Award .

**RAJAVALLI RAJIV**

An ecological entrepreneur who wishes to see a world with zero garbage, Rajavalli is a passionate designer and upcycling couturier. A motivational speaker and a counselling psychologist, Rajavalli is also a TEDx organiser and a language enthusiast.

**OMANA THOMAS**

Omana, principal of Sishya, Chennai, has ensured that children from all strata of society are admitted at the institution, and has led the group's expansion. She is a recipient of the 100 Most Influential Principals of Indian Schools Award from the World Education Congress.

**JERLIN ANIKA**

Starting her career at the tender age of 8, Jerlin faced unique challenges as a deaf and mute athlete. Her debut on the international stage was at the 2017 Deaflympics when she was 13. In the 2022 Deaflympics, she won three gold medals and was honoured with Arjuna Award.

**KHATIJA RAHMAN**

Khatija is a passionate advocate for freedom and peace. She made her playback debut in 2010 alongside musical legends like her father AR Rahman and SP Balasubramaniam. In 2023, she also marked her debut as a music composer with *Minmini*.

**DR LAKSHMI VENU**

A distinguished leader in the Indian industrial landscape with a strong academic foundation, Dr Venu heads one of the largest tractor and agricultural equipment manufacturing firms globally. A fourth-generation leader, she offers a dynamic vision and foresight to her roles.

**ANU VARDHAN**

A celebrated costume designer, Anu has left an indelible mark on the film industry over the past two decades. Anu's talent shines in Indian cinema, where she blends traditional aesthetics with contemporary flair. Her focus on nuances elevates the art of storytelling.

**DR SUDHA SESHAYYAN**

Dr Seshayyan is a doctor, teacher and administrator. Beyond that, she is an educationist, a spiritual scholar and orator. A prominent author and writer, she is a Tamil and Sanskrit literary resource who has also been a quiz master and a media personality for over 35 years.

**BRINDA G**

Starting her film career as an assistant choreographer to Raghuram Master, 1988, Brinda has cemented her place as a leading choreographer. Brinda has choreographed more than 1,500 songs. She made her debut as a director in 2022 with the film *Hey Sinamika* starring Dulquer Salman.

**SUCHITHRA BALASUBRAMANIAN**

A multi-faceted musician, Harikatha exponent, Namasankeertanam artist and playback singer, Suchithra is the granddaughter and disciple of the legendary Kalaimamani Thanjavur TR Kamala Murthy. She has over 10,000 performances to her credit at various sabhas, temples and beyond, across India and overseas.

# HONOURING THE SPIRIT OF 'DEVIS'

13 women changemakers honoured at 31st edition of Devi Awards for breaking the ground in various fields and paving the path for generations to come

The award is a celebration of exceptional women and has been a platform to recognise their impact in reimagining what is considered possible

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @Chennai

In a glowing tribute to their resilience and spirit, 13 women changemakers were honoured at the 31st edition of the Devi Awards in Chennai on Tuesday for not only breaking ground in the diverse fields of their choice but for the paths they have paved for the generations to come.

*The New Indian Express's* Devi Awards have, for over a decade now, become a cornerstone in recognising the impact of women across the country, who through their quiet strength, are reimagining what is considered possible.

The awardees were felicitated by Preetha Reddy, vice-chairperson of Apollo Hospitals, and Prabhu Chawla, editorial director, *The New Indian Express*.

One of the recipients this year was Carnatic vocalist Sudha Ragunathan, whose distinct voice rings in a familiar warmth to the people of the state.

"An award validates what you have already done and gives you the strength, courage, energy and inspiration to move forward," she said, speaking at the event.

Former cricketer Preethi Srinivasan's life as she knew it changed when an accident left the then 18-year-old a quadriplegic. Nevertheless, the accident hardly slowed her down as she, two decades later, works with those with spinal cord injuries.

Apollo Hospitals vice chairperson Preetha Reddy inaugurates the 31st edition of Devi Awards by lighting the lamp as TNIE's CEO Lakshmi Menon and Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla look on | ASHWIN PRASATH

Classical dancer Chitra Visweswaran, over her 75-year career in Bharatanatyam, has pushed several boundaries. She draws happiness from nurturing generations of dancers through her academy which recently marked its 50th year.

Poet and author Arundhathi Subramaniam, who has 14 books to her credit, has delved deep into feminine spirituality through her work. Although costume designer Anu Vardhan could not attend the event, her husband, renowned film director Vishnuvardhan collected the trophy on her behalf, taking time from his busy filming schedule to fly down to Chennai.

Joining these powerhouses was Khatija Rahman, who began her singing career working with her father AR Rahman.

Over a period, she found her voice and now sings, composes, and makes sure to speak her mind while at it.

Educator Omana Thomas, Arjuna Award-winning parabadminton player Jerlin Anika, business leader Dr Lakshmi Venu, entrepreneur Rajavalli Rajiv, choreographer Brinda G, Harikatha exponent Suchithra Balasubramanian and educationist Dr Sudha Seshayyan, were also recognised for their work.

Lakshmi Menon, CEO, *The New Indian Express*, said, "This platform which began in 2014 has grown into a celebration of exceptional women who prove that the word 'impossible' is merely an opinion and one that they do not particularly care for."

The Devi Awards were conceived with a simple yet profound idea: to recognise and celebrate women who embody dynamism, innovation, and courage to carve their paths. Over the past decade, the platform has honoured trailblazing women across diverse fields - arts, science, entrepreneurship, public service, sports and much more.

Each of them is a testament to the power of passion, perseverance, and purpose, Lakshmi Menon added.

## Nurses have not been given rightful place: Preetha Reddy

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @Chennai

There are a lot of lessons we have learned from Covid-19, but the biggest was that it taught us to work in collaboration and stop working in silos, said Preetha Reddy, vice-chairperson of Apollo Hospitals.

In conversation with senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai at the 31st edition of Devi Awards organised by The New Indian Express in Chennai on Tuesday, Reddy, who felicitated the awardees, spoke of the sisterhood that powers Apollo Hospitals.

Asked what sets the women leaders of Apollo apart, Reddy shared, "My three sisters are intertwined in my DNA. Any decision we make is shaped by what the other might think."

Describing how the four sisters manage Apollo's success, she said, "My sister Suneeta has a beautiful mind and she is the finance strategist. We don't do anything if she doesn't approve it. My sister Shobana is a chip of the old block, an entrepreneur. She has taken us on our path of digital foray. Sangita is literally the queen of hearts, she really handles all the HR. This is how we manage the work." Reflecting on their father's struggles, she quipped, "We were 'cheap labour'. My father had no choice — he had four daughters. From directing patients to training staff, we did everything!" She noted that the pandemic also hastened to shift to a more digital existence, that has been very successful for the business.

Praising nurses, Reddy said, "The nurses to the healthcare system are like the spine to our body. You might have a brain and heart, but you cannot function without a spine. But nurses are not appreciated enough. Globally there are not enough nurses so Indian nurses go to other countries to work, but, as a country, I don't think we given them the rightful place." Stressing the need for more research to be conducted in India, Reddy pointed to our ancient healthcare system. "We invested in Ayurveda and were looking at integrated medicine; the revelations of the possibilities are tremendous. So I think, if we look at research a little bit more holistically, if we can invest in medical research, we can do well," she added.

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# Decline in jobs as industries prioritise skills over degrees

**SAUMYANGI YADAV** @Chennai

THE decline in job opportunities and placement rates in certain sectors stems from industries prioritising skills over degrees — skills often missing from the curricula of even top institutions like IITs and IIMs.

This issue was a focal point during the session "Classroom to Corporate Office: Preparing for India Inc" during the second day of the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 on Tuesday, where Prof Himanshu Rai, Director of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Indore, and Dr Suresh Ramanathan, Dean & Principal, Great Lakes Institute of Management, stressed the importance of skill-based, multidisciplinary education and innovative teaching methods.

Prof Himanshu Rai, Director IIM Indore and Dr Suresh Ramanathan, Dean, Great Lakes Institute at the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 | P RAVIKUMAR

### Global phenomenon

"The job market is a little tough everywhere, I think you might have read the report that 23% of Harvard graduates are still not employed after six months. So, we are not talking about the job market of India, we are talking about the global job market," said Prof Rai.

Echoing this view, Dr Ramanathan called for a multidisciplinary approach to education, urging institutions to foster a broader perspective among students.

"I've had numerous conversations with corporate recruiters in India, and one recurring theme is the large gap between what people graduate with and the skills industries need. We are moving in a very blinkered way in how we think about things," he said.

Lauding the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's multidisciplinary approach, the dean added, "We need people who can think out of the box, who have creativity. I am very encouraged by the intent of NEP, but it is important that it is implemented in true spirit."

### Reimagining the classroom

Both educators called for a shift in how classrooms operate, especially in the context of modern distractions. Dr Ramanathan observed, "You're fighting for the attention of a student distracted by their smartphone. Engagement is the new currency."

He stressed on interactive teaching, where students are encouraged to participate and co-create learning experiences. "If we engage our students more, they will feel involved. However, getting all faculty to endorse this change is still a challenge," he acknowledged.

Prof Rai, too, spoke about the evolving nature of education, emphasising the need for humility among educators. "The one skill I would like teachers to have is humility — the understanding that we know nothing and that there are multiple ways education needs to be imparted and learning needs to happen," he said.

# AI models that cut TN road accidents

**KARTHIKEYA S** @Chennai

THE lack of availability of reliable data is the most prominent challenge in building workable AI models, said Prof Venkatesh Balasubramanian, Head of RGB Labs, IIT Madras, in his address, "AI and Behavioural Change: A Roadmap" on Tuesday.

He said data is often susceptible to biases and affiliations of the sources, which could result in inaccurate results.

Other challenges he mentioned include embargoes on hardware to analyse AI models, without which they end up becoming shots in the dark, resulting in unfair and flawed hypotheses for AI models, and leading to ethical and legal conundrums AI finds itself in.

The professor mentioned a phenomenon among several AI researchers, including himself — that of trading a model's accuracy with its ability to accomplish things.

Prof Venkatesh Balasubramanian, Head of RGB Labs, IIT Madras at the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 on Tuesday | P JAWAHAR

Talking about his work with the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Prof Balasubramanian said patterns of human behaviour can be tracked and changed by analysing data of their consequences.

He responded to questions by senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai on the initiative and said that the Centre's data analytics model helped drastically reduce the number of road accidents in Tamil Nadu last year.

Explaining the process, he said the model's analyses of road fatalities from TN showed a large number of accidents occur on the night of December 31 at junctions where high-speed roads meet low-speed roads. The dominant demographic involved in these accidents was young males.

"These men could not afford to attend parties, so they rent bikes and take out rallies on roads. The first step was to offer them alternatives to these activities, which they could enjoy," he said.

He added that these insights enabled the municipal administration to increase vigilance at those junctions to monitor traffic better. He cautioned that human behaviour may remain unchanged despite solid data that could influence change.

Bihar governor Arif Mohammed Khan at the 13th ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 | P RAVIKUMAR

## 'Colonial edu reason for societal tension'

**GAUTHAM SELVARAJAN** @Chennai

INDIAN education is not only a source of empowerment but, more importantly, a source of liberation, said Arif Mohammed Khan, Governor of Bihar on Day 2 of the 13th ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 on 28 January.

Khan discussed the role of morality in Indian education, contrasting it with the Western concept that focuses on empowerment. He emphasised that without ethical and moral values, no amount of knowledge can prevent an individual from degenerating into a brute. Khan stressed the need for the growth of wisdom to accompany the growth of knowledge.

In conversation with the editorial director of The New Indian Express, Prabhu Chawla, Khan said one of the major reasons for the current state of affairs and societal tension in the nation is the fact that we still follow the education system that we adopted from the colonial period.

When asked if India has become more divided than ever, Khan responded, "I don't think today India is more divided than it was ever, but this impression is definitely because our education system is divorced from the definition or the perspective of the Indian thought leaders."

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# ‘Brit collaborators turned vital figures post Independence’

SANYAL POINTS AT DELIBERATE OBFUSCATION OF CERTAIN PARTS OF INDIAN HISTORY

SIDDHARTH PRABHAKAR
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SANJEEV Sanyal, member of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Economics Advisory Council, in a session titled ‘Lessons from Lost History’ at the 13th ThinkEdu Conclave, highlighted some lesser-known chapters of India’s past.

In a conversation with Ravi Shankar, journalist and consulting editor of *The Sunday Standard* on the day two of the conclave, Sanyal explored what he described as deliberate obfuscation of certain parts of Indian history.

“This obfuscation of certain parts of Indian history was done by ‘collaborators’ of the Britishers who later became the intellectual elite after India’s independence in 1947,” claimed Sanyal.

To validate this theory, he discussed Mewa Singh Lopoke, a member of the Sikh Ghadar party in 1910, who had shot down the British Canadian WC Hopkinson. The Ghadar Party, an armed resistance group fighting for India’s independence, was among many revolutionary efforts, Sanyal argued, deliberately buried from mainstream narratives.

Another example Sanyal cited was about how the Communist Party of India (CPI) was birthed in the central Asian city of Tashkent and the role played by Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin in setting up a school to teach communism to Indian revolutionaries. “British communists infiltrated the CPI in the 30s and supported Marxist ideas in Indian jails to cause a split among Indian revolutionaries,” said Sanyal, adding CPI even supported the British during the Second World War, against Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

Evidence for these claims, Sanyal said, is “easily available”, encouraging the audience to verify them online.

Sanyal talks during the session titled ‘Lost History’ on the day two of ThinkEdu Conclave in Chennai | ASHWIN PRASATH

Ruing that none of these facts were told to Indians after 1947, Sanyal said those who clandestinely supported the British emerged as important figures in post-independence India. He cited the name of Yashpal, Hindi literature’s second most important figure, and claimed that he was a spy who had infiltrated the revolutionary movement against the Britishers and even been an informer to help in the capture of the revolutionary freedom fighter Chandrashekhar Azad.

“Collaborators became the ruling class and India’s history was what was told by the British earlier and later by these collaborators,” he said.

In response to Ravishankar’s question on how these versions of history could be sanitised, Sanyal said history has to be written using primary evidence to prove that the current official version isn’t true. “This doesn’t mean I am advocating a change in textbooks,” he said.

As an example, he highlighted though the Indian National Congress indeed led the freedom struggle, the Gandhi-Nehru family weren’t the sole contributor, pointing to revolutionaries like Subhas Chandra Bose, who was once elected as Congress president, pointing to revolutionaries like Subhas Chandra Bose, who was once elected as Congress president.

Sanyal further alleged that attempts to incorporate the contributions of revolutionaries in Indian history had been curtailed. In the 1950s, he claimed, famous historian RC Majumdar had been deputed to write the official history of India’s freedom struggle, but he was thrown out after his first draft had detailed the role played by revolutionaries.

Sanyal also highlighted the physical erasure of sites significant to revolutionary history. He noted the Cellular Jail in the Andamans and the Delhi Central Jail — where many revolutionaries were incarcerated — were demolished. The site of the Delhi Central Jail now houses Maulana Azad Medical College.

### MARUTHUPANDI BROTHERS INVOKED

When a member from the audience asked about the under-representation of south Indian freedom fighters, Sanyal encouraged him to become a historian and write about such topics. He also invoked the role played by Maruthupandi brothers in the fight against Britishers and spoke about VVS Aiyar, an associate of VD Savarkar

K Annamalai | ASHWIN PRASATH

## Politicians must stay ahead of the curve, says TN BJP president

PRAVEENA S A @Chennai

TAMIL Nadu needs an alternative political discourse to restore its former glory, reboot its economy, and enhance the quality of life for its people, stated Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state president K Annamalai. Speaking at the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 on Tuesday, Annamalai expressed confidence in the BJP’s growing influence, particularly at the grassroots level, and declared that the party is poised to assume power in the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.

Annamalai argued that TN is currently off track, having lost its path two decades ago. While acknowledging that the BJP is a late entrant in the state and lacks the prominent cultural icons that the Dravidian parties boast of, he pointed out that even these icons have now become outdated.

Annamalai climbed the stage barefoot, having vowed a month ago to remain so following the Anna University rape case. *The New Indian Express* Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla, who was moderating, questioned Annamalai’s approach, asking if he was attempting to portray himself as a political film star or indulging in theatrics, such as whipping himself upon his return from London. Annamalai clarified that whipping oneself is deeply rooted in TN’s culture, serving as a gesture of solidarity with the people and a way to connect with their struggles.

“Even when I visit my village, I witness people whipping themselves as part of our cultural traditions,” said Annamalai. “The new politics of this state has become completely detached from our culture. Tamil Nadu, with its countless temples, carries spirituality as an integral part of life. However, politics has now turned into a spiritual element in our state. So, when I whip myself, it is a part of that culture.”

When questioned about his decision to travel to London for studies immediately after the BJP’s defeat in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, he argued that politicians must stay ahead of the curve. “The world is changing rapidly. We expect students and civil servants to upskill, so why not politicians? I don’t want to be the kind of politician who merely listens to secretaries and signs papers. I want to keep updating myself,” he reasoned.

Reflecting on his four years in politics, Annamalai outlined three key achievements of the BJP in TN. First, the party introduced a parallel narrative involving political, developmental, and ideological discourse. Second, the BJP has transitioned from an ‘infant’ phase to the ‘growing adult’ phase, building a strong base and reaching 85% of the state’s 68,000 booths during the elections. He noted that in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured 81 lakh votes, with 50 lakh coming independently of alliances. The party’s recent membership drive saw 48 lakh new members join. Annamalai said the BJP has encouraged people to re-examine their understanding of TN’s history.

Addressing educational concerns, he cited the NSER 2022 report, stating that 43% of Class 1 students in TN cannot identify numbers between one and nine, and 25% of Class 5 students struggle with basic subtraction. He questioned how the state could achieve a ₹1 trillion economy with such educational shortcomings. Annamalai also highlighted environmental and agricultural issues, noting that cultivable land in Tamil Nadu has declined from 70 lakh hectares during Kamaraj’s era to 46 lakh hectares in 2024.

SANJEEV SANYAL, MEMBER, PM’S ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

**The Cellular Jail in the Andamans and the Delhi Central Jail, where many revolutionaries were incarcerated, were demolished. The site of the Delhi Central Jail now houses the Maulana Azad Medical College**

VIKRAM SAMPATH, AUTHOR

**While violence was widespread in the pre-modern era, often resulting in collateral damage to civil society, this violence was driven by theology and identity, elevating it to the level of a genocide**

K ANNAMALAI, TN BJP PRESIDENT

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ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN, BIHAR GOVERNOR

**You recognise that the same divine spirit that resides within you also resides in others. If we truly learn this lesson and internalise it, recognising the divinity in others, it will be impossible for me to ever harm or oppress another person**

SANDEEP NARAYAN, CARNATIC VOCALIST

**When it comes to Carnatic music, the power of raagam (melody) can go in all directions, soothing and energetic. Even within the diversity of raagams, a single melody has the profound ability to stir varied emotions in people**

## History thrives when there is multiplicity of voices: Sampath

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR
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HISTORY flourishes when there is multiplicity of voices and diverse interpretations, said author Vikram Sampath. He remarked that at least the present times allow for the mainstreaming and discussion of figures like Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, which is a contrast to the post-independence era which, he noted, was dominated by a monochromatic narrative.

He interacted with Ravi Shankar, consulting editor of *The Sunday Standard*, during the session titled Heroes, Villains, and Survivors. On his latest book, ‘Tipu Sultan: The Saga of Mysore’s Interregnum’, historian Sampath argued the glorification of Tipu Sultan is an affront to the emotions and sensitivities of communities affected by his violence.

“While it is not possible to compartmentalise historical figures as heroes or villains, evidence suggests that someone like Tipu Sultan veers closer to the negative side,” he said.

## ‘T’gana working on reducing gap between haves, have-nots’

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

TELANGANA Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday expressed his dissatisfaction over the manner per capita income is calculated and said his government is working towards reducing the gap between the haves and have-nots.

Speaking to Santwana Bhattacharya, Editor of *The New Indian Express*, during the day two of ThinkEdu Conclave, Vikramarka said the poorest of the poor’s income and richest of the rich’s income are put together to calculate per capita. With the widening gap between the two, this should not be the criteria to gauge a society, he said.

“Seeing the gap between the haves and have-nots, we decided we have to plan in such a way the wealth of the state has to be distributed among the maximum number of people in the state. That’s what we have designed and are moving towards. We’ll definitely overcome all the obstacles we are facing. The previous government did not have this kind of thought process,” he added.

Sharing insights on the topic “Building the future - How Telangana is educating its next generation”, Vikramarka spoke extensively on the state’s ambitious Young India Integrated Residential Schools (YIIRS) programme. He said his government is creating residential schools with state-of-the-art facilities to enable students to compete at the global level.

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka expressing his views during the second day of ThinkEdu conclave | ASHWIN PRASATH

“Education of international standards will be imparted to students in these schools. We are not worried about the budget, we want to invest in the creation of human resources,” said the deputy CM. He further added that this year, 62 such residential schools have been sanctioned. He also accused that in the last decade, the education sector was neglected by the previous government. After coming to power, his government recruited 11,500 teachers and has plans to recruit 6,000 more. He also spoke about the Young India Skill University, which has been conceptualised to make students employable.

“Telangana has a good number of engineering colleges but the students lack soft skills, so in order to train them and make them employable, the skill university has been conceptualised. Anand Mahindra has been appointed as the chairman of the skill university and we are taking industrial support also to design the courses,” said Vikramarka.

When asked whether his government is socialist or pro-investment, Vikramarka replied, “It has to be a mix of both. Until and unless you create infrastructure and industry, you cannot generate wealth. If you cannot generate wealth, you cannot give away freebies or enact social reforms and all those things.”

Participants expressing their opinion during the conclave ASHWIN PRASATH

## Social media has become a war zone, says Tamilisai

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR
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CUTTING across political lines, leaders of major parties in Tamil Nadu, including the DMK, AIADMK, Congress and BJP shared their insights on improving the declining standards of political discourse in the country.

The panel featured Congress MP Sasikanth Senthil, AIADMK deputy propaganda secretary Gautami, senior BJP leader Tamilisai Soundararajan, and DMK MP Kanimozhi NVN Somu, with the session titled Cleansing Public Debate: Keeping the Space for Difference. It was moderated by *Dinamani* editor K Vaidiyanathan.

Tamilisai underscored how women politicians often face body shaming and personal attacks instead of criticism of their work. “Social media has become a war zone. Women leaders are degraded for their appearance, forcing some to leave their careers. Party leadership must take responsibility to correct such behavior among cadres,” she said, citing herself as an example.

In response, Gauthami said social media is just a tool to reach the people. “Leaders must resist engaging with those who lower the standards of conversation.”

## Allow children to pursue their passion: Artiste couple tells parents

Radhe Jaggi and Sandeep Narayan at the conclave | EXPRESS

PRAVEENA S A @ Chennai

CARNATIC vocalist Sandeep Narayan and classical dancer Radhe Jaggi have asked parents to adopt an alternative approach to education when their child has a genuine interest in any art form, sports, or any other thing.

Speaking at the Think Edu conclave, on the topic of ‘The Power of Art: Touching the Divine Within’, the wife-husband duo, reflecting on their personal journey from childhood, stressed parents to allow the children to pursue their passions, rather than imposing conventional paths will make them a better individual and self-disciplined.

Sandeep, from a family with a music background, explained the art of music and how it transformed him into a disciplined person. He said, “Initially though I had an interest in music, I was not able to focus when I was asked to. However, music became my focus when my parents allowed me to drop one year of schooling.”

He noted the power of music extends beyond mere entertainment, forging emotional connections and leaving lasting impacts on listeners.

Similarly, Radhe spoke about her casual approach in childhood to various encounters in education, painting, or music, until she experienced a transformative visit to Kalakshetra at age 16. Unlike many dancers who begin their careers in childhood, she embarked on her journey towards classical dance as an almost adult, exposing her to the classical dancing that nobody in her family experienced, she said.

She noted that “Dance is just the beauty of art form, blending various aspects of dance that you could do just with a single body.”

“Art step beyond that, that you’re able to take and also being able to take everybody in the audience along with you.”

Concluding the session, the duo showcased their talents through singing and dancing at the event.

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# 'K'TAKA AIMS TO BE SKILL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD'

Minister says goal is to cultivate talented workforce that can attract global businesses, spur economic growth

Priyank Kharge, Karnataka minister for Electronics, IT, Biotechnology, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, endorsed skilling over policymaking | ASHWIN PRASATH

**PRAVEENA S A** @ Chennai

Priyank Kharge, Karnataka's minister for Electronics, IT, Biotechnology, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, denounced the new University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines, and said if the UGC or the central government wants to impose its will, it should begin by funding state universities, in a session titled "INDIA and Congress: State of Suspension?" during day two of the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 on Tuesday.

Addressing the central government, Kharge said, "You neither support us in any form nor should you take away our powers ...When students face issues like inadequate hostel food, they don't protest in front of the Governor, the President, or the Prime Minister. They approach the state Higher Education Minister. Yet, you neither assist us in any meaningful way, but instead, seek to strip us of all powers."

Kharge emphasised the importance of skilling over policymaking as a key driver of job creation, while discussing the need for a robust ecosystem to generate employment, stating that good policies alone are not enough.

In response to a question from Santwana Bhattacharya, Editor, The New Indian Express, about job creation in the past 18 months, Kharge highlighted the state government's approach: "Our idea is very clear—skill locally and work globally." He further referred to a recent statement by the US President underscoring that only competent individuals will be granted entry into that country. He stressed a three-pronged approach of the Karnataka government to creating jobs — firstly, fill the promised 2.5 lakh government posts, with his department hiring around 1,400 people.

Secondly, help youth to stay afloat after their graduation by providing financial incentives such as ₹3,000 for graduates and ₹1,500 for diploma holders and thirdly, create a conducive environment for employment.

He also highlighted the establishment of a skill advisory committee for emerging technologies and the NIPUNA programme, which he billed as the world's largest skilling initiative. The Karnataka government has focused on developing skillsets and has so far established around 27 centres of excellence across diverse fields ranging from agriculture to aerospace.

Kharge emphasised the critical importance of skillset development, citing data that only 22% of India's 1.5 million annual engineering graduates are employable. He highlighted the potential global economic loss of ₹8.5 trillion by 2030 due to skill gaps. With this in mind, he outlined Karnataka's goal to become the "skill capital and knowledge destination of the world," aiming to cultivate a talented workforce that can attract global businesses and drive economic growth.

On competition for investments, Kharge remarked that Karnataka is moving beyond marketing itself as an investment destination to prioritising skilling its people.

"The first step to solving unemployment is acknowledging it as a problem," he said, stressing on the need for solutions to curb the issue of illegal migration at the border, and enhance employability.

### 'WILL SHARE, BUT NOT AT COST OF OUR PROGRESS'

On semiconductor investments being diverted to Assam, Kharge said inter-state cooperation should not come at the cost of the state's progress. "Semiconductor companies initially expected to come to Tamil Nadu or Karnataka have now emerged in Assam. We can share with our neighbours — but not at the cost of our progress."

**PRIYANK KHARGE**
KARNATAKA MINISTER

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**DR PRATIMA MURTHY**
DIRECTOR, NIMHANS

**Early intervention can save lives ... In an era where loneliness, migration, and academic stress are rampant, it is crucial that we take a comprehensive, multi-pronged approach integrating awareness, affordability, and accessibility**

**HIMANSHU RAI**
DIRECTOR, IIM INDORE

**The one skill I would like teachers to have is humility — the understanding that we know nothing and that there are multiple ways education needs to be imparted and learning needs to happen**

**TANUJ BHOJWANI**
HEAD, PEOPLE+AI

**Challenges faced by someone in a village without access to clean water and the struggles of students navigating a highly competitive job-seeking environment in India, compared to the West, must be addressed. Solutions to these problems need to be developed locally**

**ANIRUDH KANISETTI**
WRITER & RESEARCHER

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Dr Pratima Murthy, director of NIMHANS, and Dr Koushik Sinha Deb (L), additional professor of Psychiatry at AIIMS, New Delhi | PJAWAHAR

# Acute shortage of mental health professionals in India, say experts

**SAUMYA SOLANKI** @ Chennai

THE 13th edition of the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 held on Tuesday highlighted an issue often overlooked but deeply pervasive: India's mental health crisis. Two eminent psychiatrists, Dr Pratima Murthy, director of NIMHANS, and Dr Koushik Sinha Deb, additional professor of Psychiatry at AIIMS, New Delhi, dissected the layers of this growing concern and propose solutions in a session titled "The Silent Epidemic: Tackling India's Mental Health Crisis".

### The care gap

A key issue was the acute shortage of mental health professionals in India. Dr Murthy stated, "While the number of psychiatry graduates has increased from 450 to 1,300 over the past 15 years, the demand for mental health services far exceeds supply."

She emphasised, "We must integrate mental health awareness into undergraduate medical education so that doctors and nurses can identify mental health issues just as they do physical ailments," she added.

Dr Deb highlighted the economic disparity that drives mental health professionals to migrate abroad rather than serve in rural India. "Young psychologists face a dilemma, work in a remote village for a meagre salary or move to countries like Canada and Switzerland where they can earn thousands of dollars," he said, pointing out a shortage of mental health professionals in smaller cities and towns.

### The affordability challenge

The panel addressed the financial burden of mental health treatment. With private psychiatrists charging anywhere between ₹7,000 to ₹8,000 per session, mental health care remains out of reach for many. Dr Murthy noted, "Out-of-pocket expenditure for chronic disorders is enormous. We need services that are not just accessible but also affordable." She cited the Tele Manas initiative, which provides multilingual tele-counselling services nationwide, as a step in the right direction.

### Technology vs traditional care

While digital mental health platforms aim to democratise access to care, Dr Deb warned, "Most mental health apps operate in English, making them inaccessible to a large portion of the population ... AI-driven mental health apps should act as a bridge, ensuring human intervention remains at the core."

### Breaking the stigma

The session also underscored the deep-rooted stigma surrounding mental health, which prevents many from seeking help. Dr Murthy said, "Mental health issues affect everyone, but those from underprivileged backgrounds face additional vulnerabilities," she noted.

### A call to change

The discussion unanimously concluded that ,ental health is as important as physical health. "Early intervention can save lives ... In an era where loneliness, migration, and academic stress are rampant, it is crucial that we take a comprehensive, multi-pronged approach integrating awareness, affordability, and accessibility," said Dr Murthy.

# India has potential to become AI leader, says Tanuj Bhojwani

**GAUTHAM SELVARAJAN** @ Chennai

WITH a vast population and an untapped market for artificial intelligence (AI), India has the potential to become a global leader in the AI realm, said Tanuj Bhojwani, Head of People+AI.

Speaking at a session titled "India Expanding: Readying for the AI Leap" at the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 on Tuesday, he said that while the demand for AI solutions exists, it remains latent and needs activation to unlock its true potential.

Tanuj Bhojwani, head of People+AI, speaking at a session titled 'India Expanding: Readying for the AI Leap' at the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 | ASHWIN PRASATH

For India's AI ecosystem to thrive, Tanuj emphasised that solutions must originate locally, as only Indian innovators can deeply understand and address diverse needs of the nation's population. "The challenges faced by someone in a village without access to clean water and the struggles of students navigating a highly competitive and distinct job-seeking environment in India, compared to the West, must be addressed. Solutions to these problems need to be developed locally," he explained.

On the healthcare sector, Tanuj stressed India's critical need for accessible quality care, particularly in rural areas facing a dearth of general practitioners and specialists. He argued that AI could bridge this gap by equipping frontline workers with real-time diagnostic tools and advanced medical knowledge, enabling them to deliver high-quality care.

Further, AI could help train more specialists by streamlining education and supporting advanced diagnostics. Rather than replacing jobs, he said AI would enhance healthcare delivery and improve training efficiency. While addressing technical challenges, he said, human interaction would remain vital for trust and emotional care. He also highlighted the key challenge of creating scalable infrastructure to address rural-urban disparities effectively.

When asked about the impact of AI on the nature of jobs and future of gig workers, Tanuj was optimistic. "I don't think we'll end up becoming a country of low-level gig workers. Aspiration is so high — it doesn't matter what social class you're from. You know when you're being exploited, and you won't opt for it," he stated.

He pointed out that some new companies exemplify this shift by supporting gig workers, standing up against social stigmas, and ensuring dignified working conditions. In his concluding remarks, Tanuj said that the opportunity lies in creating equitable systems that empower workers while fostering innovation.

# 'Focus on spiritual quotient can help increase IQ & EQ'

**GAUTHAM SELVARAJAN** @ Chennai

SWAMI Shailendra Sarawathi of Vedic Life explained the concept of Spiritual Quotient (SQ) as the essence of our being, the deepest level of existence and the key to enhancing all aspects of life. He emphasised that when we focus on the level of our being — our spiritual nature — both our Emotional Quotient (EQ) and Intelligent Quotient (IQ) naturally develop.

Speaking at the session titled "Spirituality in the Material World" at the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 on Tuesday, Swami Shailendra noted that engaging with spiritual practices, such as meditation, allows individuals to experience the direct benefits of spirituality. As he put it, "the proof of the pudding is in eating it". Incorporating regular spiritual practices, like 20 minutes of meditation in the morning and evening, can lead to a transformative impact, enriching not only our emotional and intellectual capacities but also our overall quality of life.

Addressing the topic of Transcendental Meditation (TM), a form of silent meditation, Swami Shailendra said, "There are more than 700 scientific research papers regarding this technique, which show that every area of life, such as health, education, intelligence, harmony, and society is full-filled by TM."

Swami Shailendra Saraswathi of Vedic Life at the conclave | P RAVIKUMAR

He further explained that scientific research conducted in thousands of schools has demonstrated the benefits of meditation. In these studies, classes were randomly divided into two groups: one received coaching for a set amount of time, while the other practised meditation for the same duration. After three months, when exams were held, the students who meditated consistently outperformed the others with higher average marks.

This finding is supported by over 700 scientific research papers, published in prestigious scientific journals, proving the effectiveness of meditation, he said.

# Kanisetti highlights Chola's transregional empire and its legacy of cultural integration

Writer and researcher Anirudh Kanisetti speaking on how the Cholas managed to maintain control over a truly transregional empire | P RAVIKUMAR

**SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR** @ Chennai

ONE of the most distinguishing features of the Chola Empire was their comfort with diversity. Instead of replacing existing cultures after the conquest, the Cholas added a new layer to them which helped them to build a transregional empire, said writer and researcher Anirudh Kanisetti on the second day of the ThinkEdu Conclave 2025 on Tuesday.

Kanisetti was speaking with Ravi Shankar, Consulting Editor of The Sunday Standard, during a session titled "Enigmatic Empires: Who were the Cholas?".

Highlighting the difference between the Cholas and other empires, he said that Chalukyas would defeat enemies, force tribute and appoint local puppet rulers. However, Cholas removed local dynasties and replaced them with princes from their own family and encouraged Tamil merchants to migrate and blend with local cultures which was new to south India at that time. This fostered strong logistical ties, enabling the Cholas to maintain control over distant regions and create a truly transregional empire.

Talking about the influence of Cholas in the growth of Tamil, he said that the language became international with it being spoken in the courts of both south Karnataka and north Lanka.

"We know that embassies from Cambodia and even China came to the Chola court. It would not be ridiculous to expect Tamil would have been heard in Angkor," he said.

He also highlighted the influence of the Chola dowager queen Sembiyan Mahadevi in the kingdom and established the Nataraja idol as an iconic symbol of India. Stating that Nataraja, Sembiyan Mahadevi's favourite deity, was rarely depicted in temples on the Cauvery floodplain before her time, he said she built 12 temples and contributed to many more, even beyond the Cholas' core territory.

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# EDITORIAL

When people are determined on a mode of conduct which they know to be wrong, they feel injured by the expectation of anything better from them

Jane Austen

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

## REJUVENATION AND DIVESTMENT OF PSUs CAN GO TOGETHER

THERE has been a perceptible slowing of disinvestment of public sector units in recent years. At such a time, the government seems to be planning to boost investment in a few PSUs that have remained unsold.

A recent report quoting government documents says that the Union government has a blueprint to commit nearly ₹13,000 crore to revive two state-owned units it had earlier failed to sell. Divestment plans have also been put on hold for nine state-run units including Madras Fertilizers, MMTC and Hudco. In a sharp departure from the Nehruvian legacy of perceiving state enterprises as the 'commanding heights of the economy', Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in 2021 declared the government would exit or shut down non-strategic PSUs, except in a few core sectors such as power, petroleum, transport and defence.

Divestment targets have often been missed; in the last four years, they have been successively scaled back. So far in 2024-25, PSU stake sales have brought in ₹9,000 crore, compared to the budgetary target of ₹50,000 crore. Look at it another way: the government has mostly preferred to sell off minority stakes, while holding on to ownership in other enterprises. Of the ₹4.20 lakh crore raised from disinvestment in the 10 years till the end of 2023, ₹3.15 lakh crore was accounted for by the sale of minority stakes.

There is no doubt public enterprises serve an important economic and social purpose. Divestment cannot be an ideological formula. A case-by-case appraisal is the best way forward. There is no option but to divest or close companies that have become a drain on the exchequer. For instance, there was no way the government could turn around Air India, which was ₹61,000 crore in the red at the time of the sell-off. In an interview in 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said: "In any developing country in the world, both the public sector and the private sector have a very important role to play. You can't suddenly get rid of the public sector, nor should you." A great number of our PSUs have immense asset value and most turn in profits. Financial pundits should cease to look at PSU divestment as 'budgetary income', and instead see how the more promising among them can be nurtured.

## REIN IN PROFITEERING MICROFIN INSTITUTIONS

A fear of microfinance companies demanding repayment of loans has gripped rural Karnataka—so much so that some have fled from home or ended their lives. Stories of distress have come in from several districts including Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Haveri and Belagavi. A woman in Magadi town on Bengaluru's outskirts claimed that a company staffer was harassing her to sell her daughters' kidneys to clear her loans; the woman has already sold one of her own kidneys to repay a part. There are allegations of recovery agents stalking women borrowers and even seizing properties, forcing families to desert home and hearth.

The spate of suicides and migration has turned the focus on the state government's inability to rein in microfinance institutions (MFIs), some of which have morphed into loan sharks. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met microfinance officials, announced stern steps against those adopting criminal methods to recover loans, and promised a new law to protect borrowers. The police have been directed to file criminal charges against those employing unlawful pressure; helplines have been set up, too. Karnataka has 31 licensed MFIs with ₹59,367 crore in loans given to 1.07 crore accounts. Some of these institutions are allegedly violating interest norms and upper credit limits set by the RBI. While the central bank set a ₹2-lakh credit limit, some MFIs are giving up to ₹6 lakh, forcing the poor into a debt trap. Meanwhile, the business has grown manifold in the state—from 42 lakh clients in 2013 to 1 crore in 2022.

The state government is blaming the RBI for failing to set stringent checks. With the central bank deregulating interest rates in 2022, MFIs now charge 15.45-26 percent interest per year. This borders on the usurious compared to home and auto loans. It is ironical that MFIs, set up to disburse collateral-free microloans with the aim of alleviating poverty, empowering women and giving an entrepreneurial boost to the rural economy, have been given a free hand at profiteering. To curb such practices, the state plans to strengthen the Karnataka Microfinance Institutions (Regulation of Money-Lending) Bill. It should also negotiate an upper limit on MFI interest rates. A change in attitude is required, as the borrowers are largely unlettered people with unsteady incomes. It is cruel to leave them at the mercy of loan sharks.

QUICK TAKE

### TIME TO BE PRECISE

OF all the 'one nation' campaigns, the one aiming at 'one time' may seem the oddest. After all, we do have the Indian Standard Time, which is calculated along the longitude at Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh. The days when Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai had their own times are long gone, as is former Assam CM Tarun Gogoi's call to revert to 'Bagan time' of the tea estates. The government is now working with the National Physical Laboratory and Isro to disseminate IST with an accuracy of microseconds from five metrology labs. Given that such precision is vital for sectors as diverse as navigation, telecom, power, banking and digital governance, it's indeed a step towards greater security and efficiency.

Economics assumes rational decisions and efficient markets, though the world does not work that way. Yet, some tenets of the discipline hold up an essential mirror to human behaviour

## MAKING SENSE OF INSENSIBILITY WITH THE DISMAL SCIENCE

SATYAJIT DAS

Former banker and author of *The Age of Stagnation*

IN an 1849 essay, Thomas Carlyle described economics as the 'dismal science'. Attempts to elevate the discipline involves the use of mathematics and statistics, which John Maynard Keynes thought was limited by its assumptions and simplifications usually hidden in unhelpful symbols and equations. Fellow economist Kenneth Boulding concluded that quantitative tools brought both '*rigor*' and '*mortis*' to economics.

While much of economics only provides employment for economists and is a veneer of learning to decision making, some tenets are indeed insightful.

First, supply and demand of goods and services is the basis of life and economic activity. Around 60 percent of global national income is driven by consumption. While policymakers focus on maintaining the right level of demand, the supply of essentials like water, food, energy and minerals is increasingly constrained. Inability to produce sufficient raw materials is hampering the transition to lower-emission power generation.

The price of a product is where supply and demand equate in a market-clearing equilibrium. So a growing imbalance between demand and supply is likely to underpin increasing price pressures for many products.

Price sends off signals, with high prices decreasing demand and bringing new supply online to match it. It leads to boom-bust cycles as markets try to reach a sustainable balance. Businesses consolidate and try to lower competition, creating barriers for new entrants, by means fair or foul, to optimise profits. Oligopolies or monopolies in industries like technology, retailing, telecom and airlines manage supply to maintain prices. Items where demand increases as the price increases—called Veblen goods—explain the perverse characteristics of luxury products where affluent consumers purchase high-priced items as a status symbol.

Second, externalities. These are positive or negative side effects of economic actions that affect a third party not directly related. Investment in healthcare, education, infrastructure and research and development improves general workforce quality, productivity, civic participation and quality of life for society at large.

Negative externalities include detrimental effects of human activities, like pollution. Mining has frequent environment consequences, responsibility for which is transferred by private enterprises to the general population. Carbon emissions are the negative impact of insatiable human demand for energy. Private consumption decisions such as use of a private vehicles rather than public transport exacerbates climatic changes. Good government requires measures to enhance the positive and minimise the negative externalities.

MANDAR PARDIKAR

Third, the 'tragedy of the commons'. The controversial concept argues that unfettered access to a finite, valuable resource will lead to overuse, and its destruction will continue as users who exercise restraint will be supplanted by other users who are unwilling to curb their activities. Examples include pollution of the air, land, waterways and even space, as well as over-exploitation like in land clearing and logging.

Overfishing of international waters has left almost 90 percent of all fish species with unsustainable populations. Aquaculture, a response to falling fish stock, perversely creates its own side-effects damaging habitats from nutrient and antibiotic runoffs.

Climate change is another example where Earth is used without regard for the impact on neighbours and future populations. Overpopulation of the planet, because every individual has the right to choose the number of its offspring, is the ultimate tragedy.

Fourth, the 'free rider' problem—overburdening of a shared resource by overuse by people who do not pay a fair share. It is related to, but is different from, the tragedy of the commons. Individuals in the commons deplete a resource in accordance with their personal interest, while in the free-rider problem individuals benefit without contributing as there is no cost associated with doing so.

Citizens generally want to enjoy services like roads, bridges, public parks and amenities without contributing to its construction or upkeep. Individuals may refuse to get vaccinated, as occurred during the Covid pandemic, on the assumption that everybody else will reduce their personal exposure to infection. Individuals seek out free online services and software, which is in fact subsidised by advertisers or other users.

The free rider problem is also evident in international affairs. Many European and Asian countries use the expensive American defence umbrella to reduce expenditure on their own security. Advanced economies seeking to lower their carbon footprint have cynically relocated polluting heavy industries, like manufacturing of steel and some chemicals, to emerging countries that must bear the cost of the environmental damage. Many countries and industries today are hoping that other actors will reduce their carbon emissions, while profiting from the benefits to the environment with no direct cost.

The problem is that no party would voluntarily produce goods or services under these conditions; the shared item is not provided or must be made available with public money.

Finally, the idea of the 'corner solution' highlights difficulties in decision making when the chooser is either unwilling or unable to make a trade-off between choices. We want endless government services, but want taxes to be low. We demand low prices, but want to be paid well and decry exploitation of workers. We are unwilling to sacrifice our living standards to mitigate carbon emissions.

These principles identify key tensions in our social and economic fabric. It is about the best allocation of resources—to whom, how, at what price, and all while reducing the adverse effect of our decisions. Economics assumes rational decisions and efficient markets. But our world is illogical and people are imperfect. Our theorems are frequently little more than elaborate justifications for egocentric, adaptive and pathological selfishness, which we criticise in others but justify in ourselves.

Humanity's major challenges require cooperative, not individual, solutions. On the other hand, Jane Austen feared that there was no cure for selfishness. In *Cloud Atlas*, novelist David Mitchell concluded that it would eventually spell the extinction of the human species.

*(Views are personal)*

## HOW ASEAN CAN RIDE OUT THE TRUMP 2.0 CHALLENGE

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RECENT senate hearings to confirm Donald Trump's cabinet picks brought into sharp contrast the candidate for US secretary of defence, Pete Hegseth, and the secretary of state, Marco Rubio. Tammy Duckworth, a senator from Illinois, took apart Hegseth for not being able to identify any ASEAN member state, or the importance of even one of the members and the nature of ties they had with the US.

Hegseth's response to the question focused on Japan, South Korea and Australia, which are traditional military allies of the US. Leaving out the ASEAN and the Pacific Island states reflected a minimalist understanding of what the region represents.

In what seemed to be a damage control exercise, secretary of state Marco Rubio, during his interaction with Duckworth, was able to reassert the diplomatic importance of the ASEAN and responded with clarity on how the bloc remains critical to any understanding of regional stability in the Indo-Pacific.

From these two hearings, indications of a see-sawing effect seem visible. We will focus on three major areas. First, how the role of Indonesia in the wider context of the ASEAN and Indo-Pacific would be critical, especially as it tries to find a balance between the US-China rivalry in the region. Second, the role of Malaysia, which will be important as the current chair of ASEAN. Third, how different layers of multilateralism will have to coexist in the wider Indo-Pacific, with the Quad and ASEAN having to balance their individual roles.

First, let's look at Indonesia, whose President Prabowo Subianto was the chief guest at last week's Republic Day parade in New Delhi. Under his leadership, Indonesia will follow a more nationalistic foreign policy and will not hesitate to assert itself. Indonesia's recent entry into the BRICS alters the older approach to foreign policy. Its role in the region will be important as it remains the *primus inter pares* in the region with unstinting support to ASEAN.

Following Trump 1.0's unveiling of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific strategy in November 2017 and the Quad meeting later that year, Indonesia led ASEAN towards framing its own outlook on the Indo-Pacific. As a member of the G20, Indonesia will continue to play a role in addressing issues of green energy, technology and climate change globally, too.

Prabowo's visit to New Delhi will deepen bilateral ties. For both nations, security of the Indo-Pacific is based on international law and rules, providing a stable architecture. Strengthening bilateral ties at this time will allow them to contribute to regional stability even as the Trump 2.0 era sees an exacerbation of tensions in the region.

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> Maintaining the centrality of ASEAN will be difficult with Donald Trump in power, as he did not even appoint an ambassador to the bloc during his last tenure. The roles of Prabowo Subianto-led Indonesia and Malaysia will be critical within the group as it negotiates the rising China-US tensions

Second, Malaysia will be the chair of ASEAN for 2025 and will be focusing on maintaining regional economic growth as a key priority. The region is continuing to recover from the impact of the pandemic. The ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework is focusing on areas like public health, deepening economic integration and strengthening intra-regional initiatives to address the recovery process.

For Malaysia, the challenge will be tackling tariff-related disruptions and imposition of punitive measures. Maintaining the centrality of ASEAN processes will be difficult, especially as the earlier Trump administration did not even appoint an ASEAN ambassador, undermining the importance of the grouping. ASEAN's core multilateral processes will likely face pressure, for example, the East Asia Summit and the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting-Plus. Without the participation of major powers, these initiatives will remain inconsequential in their agendas.

While the Joe Biden administration gave equal importance to all these, the Trump administration may place a higher priority on the Quad mechanism. The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) initiated under Biden had a flexible approach, letting countries opt for any of the four pillars—trade, supply chains, green energy and a fair economy. With the emphasis on multilateralism itself reducing under Trump, the IPEF may not evolve further.

For the Indo-Pacific, the issue of major power rivalry is almost a given. ASEAN's concerns revolve around how implications of this will impact the region. How will states within ASEAN readjust to the shifting priorities? How will ASEAN manage great power tensions over the next four years?

There will undoubtedly be a layering of security options in the region. With bilateral tensions between the US and China once again dominating the scene, the focus on evolving multiple layers in the regional architecture will be the key to addressing issues of common concern. The capacity of ASEAN to exhibit dynamism in its centrality and evolve mechanisms such as a possible ASEAN Quad dialogue may address some core concerns, even as it copes with rising tension in its backyard.

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### Interstate cooperation

Ref: *Fiscal prudence: Odisha and other states can learn from each other* (Jan 28). The editorial discusses principles for sustainable economic health and presents a road map to achieve this. All states must understand the importance of sharing knowledge, working together and adopting best practices.

**NR Jagannath, Bengaluru**

### Boosting Odisha

The state is rich, yet the people are poor. Coal royalty and GST returns have been impactful. What is required now is a boost to agricultural production and industrial exploration to continue with the advantage.

**Sachidananda Satpathy, Sambalpur**

### Root cause

Ref: *Need to shift gears after a decade of Beti Bachao* (Jan 28). Despite progress in education and health, the sex ratio at birth remains skewed. It's time to take the bull by the horns and address the root causes of gender inequality. The government must think outside the box and implement policies that promote pay parity and women's employment.

**Raju Kolluru, Kakinada**

### Regional peace

Ref: *India and China agree to resume Kailash Mansarovar Yatra* (Jan 28). It is a welcome note that India and China are resuming the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. Both nations coming together on many bilateral platforms will bring peace in the region. It will definitely help safeguard the rights and interests of the Global South.

**V Rajesh Mohan Rao, Thalassery**

### Waqf amendments

Ref: *Waqf Bill gets JPC nod with 14 amendments* (Jan 28). It is good to know that the joint parliamentary committee examining the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024 adopted all 14 amendments proposed by members of the ruling NDA and rejected every change suggested by the opposition. Committee chairman Jagdambika Pal has had a tough time as the opposition members tried every method to scuttle the bill.

**K V Raghuram, Wayanad**

### National code

Ref: *U'khand 1st state to implement UCC, portal launched* (Jan 28). Uttarakhand's move to implement the Uniform Civil Code needs to be applauded. However, since the constitutional directive is to have a UCC throughout the territory of India, it would be appropriate for the Union government to enact such a code through parliament rather than each state enacting a separate code for the state.

**K R Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru**

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**POSTS OF THE DAY**

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Hate and economic growth are inversely related; empirical evidence. Higher the religious bigotry, lower your income.

# India peeved at Lankan Navy firing on fishermen

Summons top envoy, calls it unaccpetable after five sustain injuries

**JAYANTH JACOB** @ New Delhi

Family members protest the arrest of 13 fishermen by Lankan Navy for allegedly crossing the International Maritime Boundary, in Puducherry on Tuesday | PTI

FIVE Indian fishermen were injured, two of them seriously, after being fired at by the Sri Lankan Navy near Delft Island early Tuesday, prompting a strong diplomatic response from India.

The Ministry of External Affairs summoned Priyanga Wickramasinghe, Acting High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in New Delhi, and lodged a strong protest over the incident. The Sri Lankan diplomat was told that use of force is not "acceptable" under any circumstances.

"Our High Commission in Colombo has also raised the matter with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sri Lankan government," the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement.

"An incident of firing by the Sri Lankan Navy during the apprehension of 13 Indian fishermen in the proximity of Delft Island was reported in the early hours of this morning," the MEA said.

Out of the 13 fishermen who were on board the fishing vessel, two have suffered serious injuries and are currently receiving treatment at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital.

"Three other fishermen received minor injuries and have been treated for the same. Indian Consulate Officials in Jaffna have visited the injured fishermen at the hospital to seek their welfare and are extending all possible assistance to the fishermen and their families," the statement said.

India has stressed the importance of addressing issues related to fishermen in a humane and humanitarian way, with consideration for their livelihoods. The use of force is unacceptable, and existing agreements between the two governments should be strictly followed.

"Government of India has always emphasized the need to treat issues pertaining to fishermen in a humane and humanitarian manner, keeping in mind livelihood concerns. The use of force is not acceptable under any circumstances whatsoever. Existing understandings between the two Governments in this regard must be strictly observed," the External Affairs Ministry stated.

# Muslim woman seeks succession law

**SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY** @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday sought the Centre's stand after hearing a Muslim woman's plea seeking to be governed by the Indian succession law.

A woman from Alappuzha in Kerala, Safiya P M, had moved the SC stating that she is a non-believer Muslim and hence should be governed by the Indian Succession Act 1925 concerning inheritance instead of the Muslim Personal Law (Sharia Law).

After hearing Safiya's plea, the apex court sought a response from the central government within four weeks. A three-judge bench led by Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and comprising Justices Sanjay Kumar and KV Viswanathan said, "We will hear this plea after we receive the reply." The matter was posted for May first week.

Safiya, the general secretary of "Ex-Muslims of Kerala", said that as per Shariat law, a Muslim person cannot bequeath more than 1/3rd of his/her properties by way of will. "Her father cannot bequeath more than 1/3rd of the property to her, and the remaining 2/3rd will go to her brother, who was suffering from Down's syndrome," the plea stated.

The petitioner said she has a daughter, and after her death, the entire property will not go to her daughter as her father's brothers will also get a claim.

Safiya said that she has not officially left Islam. She is a non-believer and wants the enforcement of her fundamental right to religion under Article 25 of the Indian constitution.

Safiya has sought a declaration from the apex court that the persons who do not want to be governed by the Muslim Personal Law must be allowed to be governed by the secular law of the country i.e. the Indian Succession Act, 1925, both in the case of intestate and testamentary succession.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, a senior lawyer representing the Centre, said the plea raised an interesting question. He said the Centre will file its reply as per the SC's order.

Mehta further said that Safia has only one daughter and wanted to bequeath the entire property to her, but Sharia law allows bequething of only 50%. "She wants the benefit of the Indian Succession Act, the secular law," he said.

Last year, the top court notified the Centre and Kerala on the petition. As per Sharia law, the person who leaves her faith in Islam will be ousted from her community, and thereafter, she is not entitled to any inheritance right in her parental property, the petition said.

Safiya claimed that she firmly believes that the practices under Sharia law are "highly discriminatory towards Muslim women", and hence violate the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

**ALSO IN TOP COURT**

**Kuki body seeks urgent hearing**

Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust on Tuesday sought an urgent hearing of its plea seeking a court-monitored probe into some leaked audio clips, which allegedly implicate Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh for instigating ethnic violence. The bench led by Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna agreed to hear the plea, but did not fix a date for it.

**Supreme Court completes 75 years**

Tuesday (January 28) marked a historic day in the Indian judiciary, with Supreme Court completing 75 years of existence, noted a ceremonial bench. On the occasion, Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna said that it was a "true people's court" that evolved into the world's most vibrant apex court, embodying the aspirations of 1.4 billion people.

# States told to file compliance report on ending caste bias in jails

**SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY** @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday granted "one last opportunity" to the States and Union Territories to file their compliance reports on implementation of its earlier verdict on prison manuals.

Last year, the SC had held that there should not be any caste discrimination in prisons across India and all the present provisions in jail manuals perpetuating such discrimination must go.

The top court had passed the verdict on a plea of Sukanya Shantha, a native of Kalyan in Maharashtra, alleging that prison manuals of some states in the country encourage caste-based discrimination.

The suo motu case was listed on Tuesday before a two-judge bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan. Senior Advocate S. Muralidhar said the compliance report was to be filed within three months of the order on whether the states and UTs had revised their prison manuals in accordance with the verdict or not.

# Private company bags Army contract to supply indigenous drones

**MAYANK SINGH** @ New Delhi

A private Indian company, IG Drones, has bagged a "significant contract" from the Indian Army for supplying VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) and FPV (First-Person View) drones, indigenously manufactured and without Chinese components.

Company sources said the deal was finalised in January second week and the delivery has to be completed in a month. Induction of drones with Chinese components is not allowed for security reasons.

"Recent incidents, such as the hijacking of an Indian Army drone near the Pakistan border, have underscored the urgent need for reliable, indigenously manufactured platforms free from Chinese-origin components, which could compromise national security," IG Drones said on Tuesday.

Company officials confirmed that the components like cameras fitted in their drones have been imported from abroad and they have ensured they are not of Chinese origin.

> **This contract reflects the Indian Army's trust in our ability to deliver secure, world-class drone systems... With this, we have global aspirations to take the drone ecosystem and 5-G-enabled drone solutions to another level**
>
> Bodhisattwa Sanghapriya, Founder and CEO of IG Drones

IG Drones said "VTOL systems are tailored for operations in extreme environments, offering unparalleled flexibility by enabling vertical take-off and landing in areas without runways, such as mountainous regions and urban conflict zones." With a 6 Kg MTOW (Maximum Take Off Weight), it can remain in the air for about an hour.

FPV drones, on the other hand, bring a real-time, first-person perspective to tactical reconnaissance, enabling precise intelligence gathering while keeping personnel out of harm's way. They are suited for urban warfare, search-and-rescue missions, and counter-infiltration efforts, the company added.

# Panel on Waqf Bill all set to approve govt's move to include non-Muslims

**PREETHA NAIR** @ New Delhi

THE Joint Parliamentary Committee scrutinising the Waqf (Amendment) Bill is set to approve the government's move to include non-Muslims in Waqf boards, saying they can be "beneficiaries, parties to disputes, or otherwise interested in Waqf matters", sources said on Tuesday.

According to sources, after thorough deliberation upon the proposals, the committee found that the inclusion of two non-Muslim members each in the Central Waqf Council and State Waqf Boards will make it broader based, promote inclusivity and diversity in waqf property management.

The amendments suggest that the non-Muslim members of the board will exclude ex-officio members, which means that it may have a maximum of four non-Muslim members.

Another significant amendment to the proposed Bill is to empower the state governments to appoint an officer to determine whether a property is Waqf or not. The district collector has been given the absolute power to decide whether a property is Waqf or government land.

According to sources, the committee may suggest that the decision to appoint an official to conduct an inquiry in cases of wrongful claims on government property by Waqf Board should be left to the state government. "State government may by notification designate an officer above the rank of collector, hereinafter called the designated officer, who shall conduct an inquiry as per law," as per the amendment.

However, the amendment may recommend that the collector, instead of the survey commissioner, will conduct the survey in accordance with the revenue laws of the respective state and submit the report to the state government.

**Collector's authority**

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The panel, according to sources, has suggested changes regarding the proposed omission of 'waqf by user'. According to the panel, provision created apprehensions among various stakeholders and the Muslim community at large regarding the status of the existing 'waqf by user' which largely includes properties used for religious purposes.

The panel, which is scheduled to adopt its report on Wednesday, proposed that a proviso clearly specifying that the omission of 'waqf by user' will apply prospectively, that is, the cases of existing waqf properties already registered as 'waqf by user' will not be reopened and will remain as waqf properties, even if they do not have a waqf deed. This would, however, be subject to the condition that the property wholly or in part must not be involved in a dispute or be a government property.

The panel has also agreed with the submissions of Dawoodi Bohra and Agha Khani communities, two small sects of the Shia Muslims, that they have their unique and distinct set of identities and should be treated as such, the sources said.

# NIA officials will soon leave for US to bring back 26/11 accused Rana

**MUKESH RANJAN** @ New Delhi

A team of senior NIA officers will shortly travel to the United States to complete the formalities for the extradition of one of the 26/11 Mumbai attack masterminds, **Tahawwur Hussain Rana**.

A source said, "The team is likely to visit the US by the end of this month, and details of the same have been shared with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs for required clearances."

Sources said the agency "is in constant touch with its US counterpart" after the US Supreme Court rejected the review petition of the terror accused, clearing the decks for his extradition.

The Director General of NIA has formed a team of five sleuths led by an Inspector General-rank officer to bring in Rana.

On November 13 last year, Rana had filed a "petition for a writ of certiorari" before the US Supreme Court, arguing that he was tried and acquitted by the federal court in the Northern District of Illinois (Chicago) on charges related to the Mumbai terror attack, and he could not be sent to India for a second trial on the same.

However, on January 25, the US Supreme Court said, "Petition DENIED", which meant an end to his last legal resort to avoid extradition to India.

Meanwhile, the US State Department said it is currently deciding on extradition. A spokesperson reportedly said the US has long supported India's efforts to bring to justice the perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, in which 166 people were killed.

Rana, 63, has been held in a Los Angeles prison after the FBI arrested him in Chicago in 2009 on charges of being part of a Pakistan-backed network.

# Optimistic about eliminating TB from India this year, says Nadda

**KAVITA BAJELI-DATT** @ New Delhi

UNION Health Minister **JP Nadda** on Tuesday said he is optimistic that India will meet the target of eliminating tuberculosis from the country this year and he will be able to confirm it by the first week of April.

"I am optimistic about meeting the target," Nadda said, when asked about whether India will be able to eliminate TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global target. He explained that two years had been wasted battling the Covid-19 pandemic. "Covid-19 was a calamity. We wasted two years in combating it. Our efforts are on to meet the deadline," he told media.

The health minister said that he would be able to confirm on meeting the TB target by the first week of April, when the 100-day nationwide intensified TB campaign will be completed. The campaign was launched on December 7, 2024 in 347 districts of 33 states, where TB prevalence is higher.

So far, 1.26 lakh new TB patients have been identified under the campaign, which is focused on enhancing detection, reducing diagnostic delays and improving treatment outcomes. "Our target is not diluted," he stressed.

Nadda said TB incidence reduced from 237 per 1 lakh population in 2015 to 195 in 2023, while TB mortality rate decreased from 28 to 22 in the same period.

He said missing TB cases reduced significantly from 15 lakh in 2015 to 1.5 lakh in 2024. "We have moved from 'high burden' to 'high impact' country as per the WHO's Global Tuberculosis Report 2023 report," he said.

On the long-awaited TB vaccine, Rajiv Bahl, secretary to the Department of Health Research, said trial results of one vaccine was not good, while the second vaccine trial will take another year to complete. He also said that two other anti-TB vaccines are under different stages of testing and consideration.

When asked whether the health budget will see a hike in the Union Budget, Nadda said that it has been going up. "For our government, health is a priority area. So, the health budget will continuously go up."

**HPV vaccine rollout in a few months: Health Secy**

India plans to roll out the HPV vaccine in the national immunisation programme for school girls to protect them from cervical cancer in a few months, Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava on Tuesday. She, however, said that "we will have to wait for the TB vaccine." Without giving more details, she said the ministry is strategising the way forward.

# Only 57% teens use smartphones for study: ASER

**IFRAH MUFTI** @ New Delhi

MORE than 82% of children aged 14-16 in India know how to use smartphones, but only 57% of them use them educational purposes whereas for 76% use the device for accessing social media, according to the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2024 released on Tuesday.

This time, the surveyors reached out to 6,49,491 children in 17,997 villages. The Pratham Education Foundation, which facilitated the survey, said, "This was the first time ASER included a section on digital literacy focusing on children in the 14-16 age group."

Almost 90% of surveyed girls and boys reported having a smartphone at home, and 82.2% reported knowing how to use a smartphone (85.5% of boys and 79.4% of girls). When it comes to ownership, there is a larger gap — 36.2% boys compared to 26.9 % girls reported owning their own smartphone, the report said.

"Among the surveyed children who used social media, 62% said they knew how to block and report a profile, 55.2% knew how to make a profile private and 57.7% knew how to change a password. Boys were more aware of these safety features than girls," the report stated.

On the survey day, 70.2% boys and 62.2% girls brought a smartphone for digital tasks. Surveyors asked them to perform three tasks: set an alarm, browse for specific information, and locate a YouTube video. If they could locate the video, they were asked to share it using a messaging platform.

"More than three-quarters of children to whom these tasks were given were able to perform each of these tasks. Among those who could locate the video on YouTube, over 90% were able to share it," the report said.

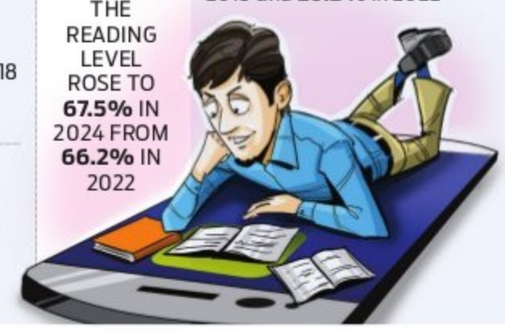
**EDUCATION IN GOVT SCHOOLS**

Reading level of Class 5 students improved to **44.8%** in 2024, from **44.2%** in 2018 and **38.5%** in 2022

For Class 3 students, the basic reading levels were highest in 2024

FOR CLASS 8 STUDENTS, THE READING LEVEL ROSE TO **67.5%** IN 2024 FROM **66.2%** IN 2022

Class 3 students able to solve a subtraction problem rose to **27.6%** in 2024 from **20.9%** in 2018 and **20.2%** in 2022



**Reading level improves**

The reading level of Class 5 students in government schools has improved to reach 44.8%, according to the report. For Class 3 students, the basic reading levels are highest in 2024. The improvement in government schools has outpaced the recovery in private schools.

The proportion of Class 5 children in government schools who can read a Class 2 text went down from 44.2% in 2018 to 38.5% in 2022; it has increased to 44.8% in 2024. For Class 8 students, the reading level rose to 67.5% in the 2024 report. In 2022, only 66.2% were able to read well in government schools.

States that experienced an increase of more than 10 percentage points in reading proficiency between 2022 and 2024 in government schools include Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana Odisha, and Maharashtra.

In the case of basic arithmetic for elementary grades, both government and private schools have shown the highest level in over a decade. Class 3 students who were able to solve a numerical subtraction problem rose to 33.7% in 2024. In the case of government school students, the number increased to 27.6% in 2024.

**ROPEWAY PROJECT**

A high-level committee formed to address the concerns of a section of people over a proposed ropeway project to the Vaishno Devi shrine held its fourth meeting with stakeholders on Tuesday.

**12 TIGERS** DIED IN MAHARASHTRA IN LESS THAN MONTH

| INDIA | Max | Min | | Max | Min |
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| Ahmedabad | 29 | 17 | Mumbai | 33 | 21 |
| Bhopal | 25 | 13 | Panaji | 33 | 22 |
| Jaipur | 23 | 12 | Patna | 19 | 11 |
| Amritsar | 20 | 08 | Lucknow | 20 | 09 |
| Chennai | 28 | 24 | Port Blair | 28 | 26 |
| Kolkata | 26 | 16 | Imphal | 22 | 09 |
| Srinagar | 10 | 01 | Chandigarh | 21 | 09 |

# Major anti-terror ops in Jammu

To track down 40-50 terrorists involved in hit-and-run attacks on security personnel

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

SECURITY forces have launched massive operations in the upper reaches and forests in the Jammu region to track down 40-50 militants hiding there who are involved in hit-and-run attacks on security personnel.

Sources said the army, police and CRPF launched joint operations in eight out of 10 districts of the region. "Twenty-three simultaneous operations are on in the upper reaches and forest areas, where militants are suspected to be hiding," they said. The searches are in the Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Rajouri, Poonch, Udhampur, Kathua, and Reasi districts.

Ten are taking place in Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts, and seven in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch districts, where two groups of LeT militants are hiding and were involved in a series of attacks on security forces.

The Home Ministry has directed security agencies to weed out the militants to prevent them from attacking security forces in the coming summer months.

Security experts, including former J&K police chief S P Vaid, claim Pakistan has pushed battle-hardened militants and highly trained SSG commandos into the Jammu region.

Army, police and CRPF launched joint operations in 8 districts of the region

While earlier, militancy was confined to border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in the Jammu region, where since 2021, 44 people, including 18 security personnel and 13 militants, were killed in militancy violence, militancy has now spread to more districts of the Jammu region.

Last year, militancy incidents, including encounters and attacks, took place in eight out of 10 districts in the Jammu region including in Jammu. At least 18 security personnel, three Village Defence Group members, 14 civilians and 13 militants were killed in militancy incidents in the Jammu region.

In the biggest attack targetting civilians on June 9, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi was taking oath for the third term, militants attacked a bus carrying pilgrims from Shiv Khori shrine in Reasi district killing nine persons and injuring 43. After the abrogation of Article 370, militants are attempting to shift militancy to the Jammu region from Kashmir, where they are on the run due to "Operation All Out" launched by security forces.

Forces are using drones and other sophisticated gadgets to track down the movement of the militants hiding in the caves in the mountains and forest areas.

The Village Defence Group members have been directed to increase patrolling in sensitive areas to detect militant movements.

"The security operations have been launched to deny militants any space to move to the hinterland from the upper reaches and carry out attacks during the spring and summer months," sources said.

After the surge in militant attacks and activities, the army has inducted additional troops in the region to bring down the violence and deny militants space to carry out hit-and-run attacks. NIA officers assisted by paramilitary personnel on Tuesday conducted extensive searches in three districts of Jammu & Kashmir.

The teams seized several incriminating materials from the residential premises belonging to sympathisers, cadres and overground workers (OGWs) of the proscribed terror outfit, LeT, and its offshoot 'The Resistance Front' (TRF). The suspects were involved in harbouring, sheltering, and providing logistical assistance to terrorists," an NIA spokesman said.

He said NIA investigations have so far revealed that masterminds of LeT and TRF were in touch with youth in the Valley to orchestrate attacks on non-locals as part of a conspiracy to wage war against India.

# Farooq says will wait for statehood, not to press Centre

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

**OMAR HANDED COPIES OF RESOLUTION TO PM**

After the cabinet move, Omar had met PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, among others, and handed them copies of the resolution, demanding early restoration of statehood.

NATIONAL Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday said that his party will continue to wait for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood. "We are waiting for its restoration and we will continue to wait," Abdullah told reporters, hinting that the government and ruling party won't follow an agitational path with the Centre on restoration of statehood.

Asked about the delay in restoration of statehood, the three-time former CM said, "You should ask it to those who are delaying its restoration." The restoration of statehood was a key poll agenda of the NC. In its first cabinet meeting on October 19, the Omar Abdullah government had passed a resolution calling for restoration of statehood to J&K in its original form.

NC MLA Salman Ali Sagar, who is close to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, had a few days back said that there was no need for confrontation with the Centre on statehood. "The efforts being made by the Omar government will be productive and result-oriented. The government is doing its efforts in a best manner to get the statehood back," he said.

After the cabinet move, Omar had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, among others, and handed them copies of the resolution, demanding early restoration of statehood. "The government has firm belief that the Centre will respect people's mandate regarding restoration of statehood and other pressing issues," Salman said.

On the issue of Article 370, the NC president, who recently was quoted having said that it was for Dogras, emphasised that the Article was for the protection of the erstwhile state and its people.

## RAIPUR DIARY

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### New record created on paddy procurement

'Rice Bowl' Chhattisgarh reached its highest achievement in the ongoing paddy procurement on Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the state, breaking its own previous record of 144.92 lakh metric tons (LMT). During the current Kharif marketing year 2024-25, the state government has already procured over 146 LMT paddy. The state government hopes the estimated target of 160 LMT will be met. Total registered paddy growers this year are 27.78 lakh. The paddy procurement process that began on November 14 last year is carried out through cooperative societies and will continue till January 31.

### Advance tech-driven steelmaking

TechCatalyst, a two-day conference and exhibition attended by over 175 global delegates, over 60 distinguished speakers and 50 leading companies was aimed at exploring the transformative role of technology in shaping the future of steelmaking. Held at Jindal Steel and Power unit at Raigarh plant about 200 km from Raipur, there were live exhibits showcasing technologies like AI, digital twins, IoT and robotic. Expert-led sessions on fields like workforce empowerment, green steel innovations, supply chain optimisation among others were attended by leading organisations.

### State explores FDI chances with US, Russia

Chhattisgarh has paved the way for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) opportunities, with CM Vishnu Deo Sai holding separate discussions with US Consul General Mike Hankey and Consul General of the Russian Federation Ivan Y Fetisov on investment possibilities in sectors such as health, education, Information Technology (IT), and tourism. Russia has expressed its interest in investing in the defence sector. Chhattisgarh attracted ₹6,000 crore in investments through various industrial proposals by leading companies focusing on plastic, textile, IT, and food processing sectors.

**RELIGIOUS EVENT**

# 7 killed, scores hurt as stage collapses in UP

**NAMITA BAJPAI** @ Lucknow

AT least seven people were killed and over 60 were injured after a 65-ft high makeshift stage collapsed during a religious event of Jain community in Baghpat district of western Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday.

As per the Baghpat District Magistrate Asmita Lal, the icident happened at around 7.15 am at CPU school in Baraut, 20 km from Baghpat. A massive crowd of devotees had descended on the venue to celebrate 'Nirvana Laddu Parv' of the first Jain Tirthankara Bhagwan Adinath.

"They had made a wooden structure with wooden stairs which collapsed leading the devotees to fall over each other. All of the injured were rushed to the district hospital for treatment. Twenty people were sent home after treatment, and the treatment of the rest of injured is ongoing," said the DM.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath extended his condolences to the bereaved families and directed officials to ensure proper medical assistance to those injured.

# HC: Marriage between 2 Hindus sacrosanct, can't be dissolved within 1 year

**NAMITA BAJPAI** @ Lucknow

THE Allahabad High Court on Monday held that marriage between two Hindu individuals is sacrosanct and its dissolution within one year would be permissible only for reasons permissible in law.

It cannot be dissolved within one year of marriage on grounds of mutual incompatibility unless there is exceptional hardship or exceptional depravity as provided under Section 14 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, the court added. The parties had filed for mutual dissolution of marriage under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. However, the same was rejected by the principal judge, Family Court, Saharanpur on grounds that minimum period for moving the application as provided under Section 14 of the Act, had not elapsed.

A division bench, comprising Justices Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Donadi Ramesh, noted that Section 14 provided for a one year limitation from the date of marriage to file for divorce with the exception that such petition could be entertained if there was exceptional hardship or depravity.

It was observed that in the present matter, except the routine ground for mutual incompatibility, no exceptional circumstance was shown to exist to allow parties to file for divorce within a year of marriage. It said that application showed "no exceptional hardship or exceptional depravity" so as to invoke jurisdiction under Section 14 of the Act.

"The provision contained under Section 14 of the Act has a laudable object to subserve, in as much as the legislature has put an embargo in entertaining an application for dissolution of marriage, within one year for specific performance.

# Like sports, UCC stands for spirit of equality, non-discrimination: PM

**NARENDRA SETHI** @ Dehradun

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi praised the Uttarakhand government's efforts in implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), calling it a pioneering initiative in India.

Speaking at the inauguration of the 38th National Games at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Dehradun, Modi said the move would contribute to a dignified life for "daughters, mothers, and sisters" in the state.

He said UCC aims to promote equality and justice for all citizens reinforcing the principles of democracy and the Constitution. He said the "historic step" of Uttarakhand will serve as a model for other states.

Modi, during the inauguration of the 38th National Games, connected the spirit of sportsmanship to the implementation of UCC in Uttarakhand. "Sportsmanship transcends all feelings of discrimination," he said, emphasising that every victory and medal is the result of collective effort. "Sports inspire teamwork, and that same spirit applies to UCC, where there is no discrimination and everyone stands equal."

PM Narendra Modi with Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami during the opening ceremony of 38th National Games in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on Tuesday | PTI

Modi expressed confidence that the step would pave the way for a dignified life for all citizens, particularly women.

"This initiative will not only empower our daughters, mothers, and sisters but also serve as a model for other states in India," Modi said, underscoring the importance of unity and fairness in society.

In a spirited address to the gathering, the PM celebrated the vibrant energy of Uttarakhand's youth, marking the commencement of the 38th National Games.

"Uttarakhand is resplendent today with the energy of the youth," he said, emphasising the significance of the event coinciding with the blessings of Baba Kedarnath, Badrinath, and Maa Ganga.

As the state commemorates its 25th anniversary, Modi remarked on the opportunity for young athletes from across the nation to showcase their talents in this burgeoning region. "This event presents a beautiful picture of 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat'," he said, highlighting the unity and diversity of India.

# Party hopping begins, 2 from JD(U) join Congress

**RAMASHANKAR** @ Patna

PARTY-hopping has picked up in Bihar as the assembly election draws near, charging the state's political atmosphere.

Leaders have begun switching sides in the hope of contesting the election representing parties of their choice. The parties embrace them with open arms to encash their caste identities and winnability factors.

On Tuesday, two senior leaders of the ruling Janata Dal (United) --Ali Anwar, former Rajya Sabha member and Bhagirath Manjhi, son of Bihar's 'Mountain Man' Dasarath Manjhi joined the Congress.

In addition, Manoj Prajapati, state president of Akhil Bharatiya Prajapati Kumbhkar Sangh, along with other leaders, joined the grand old party. Ali Anwar is an influential Pasmanda community leader. Pasmandas form the lion's share among the backward Muslim votes. He is a two-term Rajya Sabha member and All-India Pasmanda Muslim Samaj president.

"The Congress is trying to strengthen its support base among backward Muslims and Dalits through Ali Anwar and Dasarath Manjhi," political analyst Pramod Kumar said.

On Saturday, state RJD vice president Shobha Kushwaha joined Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD (U) along with a large number of supporters. The party hopes her entry will help consolidate the Luv-Kush (Kurmi-Koeri) vote base.

Shobha's induction comes when the RJD is trying hard to make inroads into the Kushwaha vote bank. In the last Lok Sabha polls, it had fielded three Kushwaha candidates. It appointed Abhay Kushwaha, who won the election from Aurangabad, as its parliamentary party leader in the Lok Sabha. Shobha was also a member of the Bihar State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights.

A prominent leader of the Dhanuk caste (listed as EBC in Bihar), Ajay Rai from Bhagalpur, also joined JD (U) on the occasion. The JD (U) claimed he supported former poll strategist Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party.

Recently, former JD (U) vice president Mangani Lal Mandal was inducted into the RJD by party leader Tejashwi Yadav. With the help of Mandal, Tejashwi is trying to woo the EBC vote bank.

The EBC support is considered crucial for getting and retaining power in Bihar. This has been Nitish's core vote bank for the last 20 years. In the previous Lok Sabha elections, he had inducted Mukesh Sahni into the alliance to make inroads into the Mallah vote bank.

Mandal's influence is believed to be in Madhubani, Darbhanga, Samastipur and Muzaffarpur of north Bihar. He has been an MLA and MP from Jhanjharpur. This time, RJD celebrated former chief minister Karpoori Thakur's birth anniversary in Madhubani district's Phulparas on Friday, considered as the 'Karmabhhomi' of Thakur, who was also from the EBC category.

In the 2020 assembly election, the grand alliance could not perform well in Samastipur, Darbhanga, Madhubani and Muzaffarpur. While the RJD won 11, Congress and CPI (M) won a seat each in Muzaffarpur and Samastipur.

**RJD's Kushwaha crosses over to Nitish's party**

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# Raj govt to table bill in Assembly on coaching centres to check suicides

**RAJESH ASNANI** @ Jaipur

GIVEN the alarming rise in suicides among coaching students, the BJP government in Rajasthan has announced a plan to introduce a bill focused on suicide prevention. The proposed legislation will be tabled during the assembly session starting on January 31, as informed by the Bhajan Lal government to the High Court on Monday.

Taking note of the government's statement, the HC has scheduled the next hearing for February 10. A division bench of Justices Indrajit Singh and V.K. Bharwani issued the order while hearing a suo motu case related to the growing number of suicides among coaching students.

Advocate General Rajendra Prasad informed the court that the Bhajan Lal government is working on a comprehensive law to regulate the operation of coaching centres and address related concerns. He added that efforts are being made to finalize all aspects of the proposed bill ahead of its introduction in the assembly.

The HC's intervention dates back nine years when it took suo motu cognizance of the increasing suicide cases among coaching students in Kota. During this hearing, the court inquired about the government's measures to tackle the issue.

Responding to this, the government assured the bench that a bill addressing the crisis is in the works. Amicus Curiae and senior advocate Sudhir Gupta urged the court to mandate immediate action until the legislation is enacted. He recommended that guidelines from the Central Government be enforced and coaching centers be registered as per established standards.

The ongoing crisis in Kota, known as India's coaching hub, has become a national concern. Since the beginning of 2025, six students have committed suicide in the city, sparking outrage and debate over the mental health challenges faced by coaching students. Over the past decade, 127 student suicides have been reported in Kota, with 15 cases in 2022, 26 in 2023, and 17 in 2024.

While there was a slight decrease in suicides last year, the six cases reported in just January 2025 have sent shockwaves through the community. Despite administrative efforts to address the issue, these incidents highlight the inadequacy of current measures in tackling the root cause of stress among students.

The rising suicides have also impacted the reputation of Kota as a coaching hub and led to a sharp decline in student enrollments.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

## 9 KARNATAKA BATTALION NCC

(NATIONAL CADET CORPS)

No:8, CUNNINGHAM ROAD, M.F. BUILDING BENGALURU - 560 052

No: 609/Accts/RDC/2025 Dated: 28/01/2025

### BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed Quotations are invited for provision of Dinner for the Deputy Director General, NCC Function for 650 members including NCC Cadets, Parents and Guests, Awardees will be attending the function at Christ University Auditorium, Hosur Road, Bengaluru on 04 Feb 2025. The details of Dinner (Menu) can be obtained from this office from **29 Jan to 31 Jan 2025 between 12.00hrs to 15.00hrs.**

**a) Last date of submission of quotation: before 12.00 hrs on 31 Jan 2025. b) The date of opening of tender : 13.00 hrs on 01 Feb 2025.**

Dated: 28/01/2025

**Sd/- Commanding Officer, 9 Karnataka Bn NCC**

DIPR/CP/4619/AKAR/2024-25

## TAMIL NADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION

Head Office, CMRL Admin Building, Poonamalli High Road, Koyambedu, CHENNAI-600 107.
Ph.No. (044) 26426773. Email id : tncsc.tn@nic.in.
CIN:U15137TN1972SGC006157

### e-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender No.: BS4/024800/2024/TNCSC/24-25 Date : 28.01.2025

Online e-tender is invited **for " PURCHASE OF 2300 Bales of 5 PLY JUTE TWINE (WEIGHING 185 Kg. NETT PER BALE) as per specifications.**

Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III.

Last Date and Time for Online Submission **: 13.02.2025 up to 11.30 A.M.**

DIPR/ 343 /TENDER/2025 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

## WESTERN RAILWAY

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

### CORRIGENDUM TO E-AUCTION SALE PROGRAMME

**Reschedule of E-Auction Sale program during FEBRUARY 2025 for P.Way and other various Scrap**

**e-Auction Sale Notification No. S III / Auction Programme-1 / FEB -2025, Dated 07.01.2025.** The following reschedule of E-auction program for disposal of P.Way Scrap Material will also be held in **FEB-2025** in addition to existing for following Depots:

| Depot | Current E-auction Date | Reschedule Date | Divisional Officer in charge | Contact No. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mahalaxmi | 04.02.2025 | 12.02.2025 | Deputy Chief Materials Manager-**MAHALAXMI** | 022-24929571 09004495750 |
| Pardi | 18.02.2025 | 26.02.2025 | Deputy Chief Materials Manager-**PARDI** | 022-24929571 09004495750 |

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. Please visit **Western Railway** Website of material Management Department i.e. **www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in** as well as on **www.ireps.gov.in** e-auction portal for further information.

**(No. SIII/Auction Programme-3/FEB 2025 Dt.06/08/2024)** 1017

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## KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

### TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors & willing to Pre qualify in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

**Last date for submission of bid:** 01.03.2025 up to 4 PM

| Sl.No. | Name of the work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Construction of "Prajasoudha" Ponnampete Taluk Adalitha Kendra at Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu district. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2024-25/BD/WORK INDENT 510 & IFT No.278/2024-25 Date: 28.01.2025 **Amount Put to tender:** Rs. 6,52,97,546/-. |

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/4636/AKAR/2024-25 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru**

## बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda — Bank of Baroda

Basaveshwaranagar Branch

No.119, 1st Floor, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560079. Ph.No.: 080-23201561/23201562

### GOLD LOAN RECALL NOTICE

To,

**1. Mr. Naveen M** S/o Manjunath TN, Kumbara Beedi, Thyamagondlu, Bangalore-562132.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Your Gold Loan A/c Mr. Naveen M having accounts 74690600004702, 74690600004361.**

We refer to your loan account mentioned above, which is overdue since **29.09.2024** We have, therefore, to call upon you to pay to us the sum of **Rs.1,53,872.36** (Rupees One Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Two and Thirty Six Paise Only) for the account **74690600004702, Rs.4,80,758.35** (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight and Thirty Five Paise Only) for the account **74690600004361,** being the amount due from you as on **08.12.2024** with further interest at the rate of 2% thereon from that date till payment, within 15 days of the receipt of this letter by you.

In case of failure on your part to comply with the aforesaid requisition, we shall, without prejudice to all our rights to enforce other securities and/or to adopt all legal steps and remedies available to us sell the gold pledged by you to us, by public auction or private treaty, and in the event of the sale proceeds being not sufficient to recover the whole amount of debt due from you, we shall proceed adopt such further steps for the recovery thereof as we are entitled to, under the document executed by you and also otherwise at law.

**Date : 28.01.2025** **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
**Place : Bengaluru** **Bank of Baroda**

## BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AT CHENNAI
## I.A No. 749 of 2024 in AIR 282 of 2024

DivyaSree Infrastructure Projects Pvt. Ltd. ...Applicant/Appellant

-Vs-

1. Axis Bank Limited, 2. Mr. Raveen Kewal, 3. Mrs. Riyaza G Abubakar ...Respondents / Respondents

### NOTICE

To

1. Mr. Raveen Kewal
2. Mrs. Riyaza G Abubakar

BE-2, Fern Saroj Apartments, 7th Cross, Lal Bahadur Shastry Nagar, HAL Post, Airport Road, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 017 ...Respondents

Whereas the above-mentioned appeal has been filed by the Appellant, M/s. Divyasree Infrastructure Projects Pvt. Ltd. The Learned Registrar, Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Chennai passed an order on 13.01.2025 is for the appearance of the 2nd and 3rd Respondents.

The Respondents above named are hereby summoned to appear before the Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Chennai on 11.02.2025 at 10:30 am either in person or by a duly authorized agent or representative, legal practitioner or officer authorized by you to present your case before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Chennai to show cause as to why the relief prayed should not be granted.

In default of your appearance on that day, the aforementioned matter may be heard and decided in your absence.

Dated at Chennai on this the 20 th day of January 2025

**APARAJITHA VISHWANATH,** Advocate for Petitioner
New No. 15, Old No. 6, Deivasigamani Street, Royapettah, Chennai- 600014

## IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU

Comm. O.S. 1530/2023 (CCH-89)

**M/s BATH WORLD**
Represented by its Authorised signatory Mr. Bipin M Chouhan having its registered office at : No.339/1-1, Ananthramaiah Woolen Factory Compound, Mysore Road, Bapujinagar, Bangalore – 560026, KA
E-mail id - Ceramic@galagroup.in
PAN - AAKFB1592Q ...PLAINTIFF

**AND : M/S MAANGALYA CONSTRUCTIONS** ....DEFENDANTS

**SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**

**M/S MAANGALYA CONSTRUCTIONS -** ....DEFENDANT NO.01

**REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNERS :**
**1. Naveed Ulla Baig – Defendant No.02**
**2. Suryanarayana Sanjay – Defendant No.03**
Office at, Flat No. F1, Red Tree Classic, 7th "B" Main, 9th Cross, Narayana Nagar, 3rd Block, Bengaluru- 560062
GSTIN – 29AANFM7577R1ZW

Whereas the Plaintiff herein has instituted the above suit against you for recovery of legal debt amounting to **Rs. 17,11,261/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One Only)** including the interest at the rate of 18% from the due date, till the date of notice and further payable with a future interest @ 1% per day, from the date of suit till realization costs of the suit. You are hereby summoned to appear in this court (CCH-89, COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU) in person or by a pleader **on 21-02-2025 at 11 A.M,** failing which the suit will be determined ex-parte against you.

**Given under my hand and seal of the court this. 28-01-2025.**

**By Order Of The Court, Sheristedar Commercial Court, Bangalore**

**MINDFUL LEGAL**
H-09, Solus Jain Heights, 1st A Cross, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560027.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the general public that, my client **Mr. SRINIVASA MURTHY.K.V**, Address at **No.61, Karlapura, Byatha Post, Heasaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka,** Bengaluru-560089, **Mobile No.9741061455** and he is intending to purchase the properties hereinafter referred in Schedule from **its present owner Mr. T.G.VENUGOPAL,** who had acquired the same in the registered **Sale Deed dated 24.03.2006** executed by owner Smt.S.N.Sunanda, W/o late.B.Gopalakrishna Hebbar, and **Sale Deed dated 24.03.2006** executed by previous owner Sri.G.Raghunatha, S/o Sri.Y.Gururaja, registered at Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

If any person/s claiming any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to hereinafter referred Schedule property and/or any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned address together with supporting documents within **10 (Ten) days** hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our client would proceed to complete the sale transaction with the aforesaid owner subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of immovable agricultural properties bearing **i).Sy.No.55/3 (Portion of old Sy.No.55/1) measuring 31 guntas, ii).Sy.No.53/3 (Portion of old Sy.No.53/2) measuring 1 Acre 27 guntas, iii).Sy.No.54/4 (Portion of old Sy.No.54/2) measuring 1 Acre all** situated at Challahali Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli 2, Yelahank Taluk, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru District.

**RUDRASWAMY.G.M & Mr. NAVEEN KUMAR.L**
Advocates Associates, #27, Akshaya Complex, Palace Guttahalli 2nd Cross, Palace Guttahalli, Malleshwaram, BENGALURU-560003. Mob.No.8892212142.

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## GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
## DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna-766001
E-Mail-ID-sewic2012@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e - Procurement Notice No. ADDLCE, WIC - 02/2024-25

A-982 PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

1. The Additional Chief Engineer, Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna, Dist- Kalahandi, Pin-766001, (Odisha) on behalf of governor of Odisha invites **"PERCENTAGE RATE Bids" IN DOUBLE COVER SYSTEM,** in electronic tendering system for the construction works detailed in the table below.

| | |
|---|---|
| Package No | ADDLCE, WIC(KID)-01/2024-25 to ADDLCE, WIC(KID)-04/2024-25 |
| Types of Work | 04 (Four) Nos of Road works. |
| Approximate value of work | Varies from Rs.131.33 to Rs.244.77 Lakhs (Excluding GST) |
| Period of Completion | 11 (Eleven) calendar Months. |
| Classification of Bidder | 'A' & 'B' Class Contractor only |
| Tender documents available on website. | Can be downloaded from Website (http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in) |
| Bid documents available Date and Time. | 30.01.2025 at 11.00 Hrs |
| Bid clarification start date & closing date. | 30.01.2025 to 07.02.2025 during office hours |
| On Line Bid submission closing date and time. | 13.02.2025 at 17.00 Hrs |
| Date, Time and Venue of opening of Technical Bid **online**. | 14.02.2025 at 11.00 Hrs office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna. |
| Date / Time of Opening of Financial Bid | To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid. |

Further details can be seen from Govt. website. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation to the above notice will be published in the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in only .

**Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer**
**OIPR- 32178/11/0002/2425** **Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna**

## Can Fin Homes Ltd

JAYANAGAR BRANCH

No. 69, (Old No 35), 12th Main, Jayanagar, Bangalore -560011
Ph: 080-26630776/26630501/26654305, Mob: 7625079101
E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

### POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **22.11.2024** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. Antony Prakash Raj** and **Mrs. Savitha Asha, Kum. Anjelin Reyona** (Daughter of Mis. Savitha Asha & Mr. Antony Prakash Raj) and **Mr. Kumar** (Guarantor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.77,60,157.00** (Rupees Seventy-Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-Seven only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers and Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **28th day of Jan, 2025.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs.77,60,157.00** (Rupees Seventy-Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-Seven only) and interest thereon.

**SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the house property bearing Site No:510-A, Block III, 13th Cross, VISWAPRIYA NAGAR, situated at begur Village, Begur Hohli, Bangalore South Taluk, formed out of Sy.No:228, duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District in his order Nos D.DIS.ALN. SR(S) 35/95-96, bearing VP.Khata No: 624, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 20 feet, end bounded on the East by: Site No:534 & 535,West: by Road, North by Site No: 511,South by: Site No: 510.

Date: 28.01.2025 Sd/-
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer Can Fin Homes Ltd.,**

## GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA

(BHADRA COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, MALAVAGOPPA,SHIVAMOGGA)

### TENDER NOTIFICATION IFT-10 (Through KPPP portal only)

ಸಂ:ಕಾ.ಇಂ/ಭ.ಕಾ/ವಿ–2/**PMKSY/call-02/ಟೆಂ.ಸ/2024-25/639 Dt:23-01-2025**

On behalf of the Administrator, Bhadra CADA, Malavagoppa, Shivamogga, The under signed invites tenders under the H/A 4701-PMKSY from Class-III and above contractors for the FIC work of Amount put to tender value Rs.185.81 Lakhs, for the year 2024-25. The tenders are invited in (KW-3&KW-2) bid document through http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and in Two cover system as per KTPP Act-1999 & rules 2000. The bidders can access to e-tender from 23.01.2025 to 01.02.2025 till 4.00 pm, Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications is 31.01.2025 till 4.00 pm. Technical bid will be opened on 03.02.2025 at 11.00 am and the financial bid will be opened after the approval of Technical bid from Competent authority at the office of Executive Engineer, Engineering Division No-2, Bhadra CADA, Ranebennur.

**Sd/-**
**Executive engineer**
**Engineering division-2, Bhadra CADA**
dipr/hvr/dipo/504/2024-25 **Ranebennur-581115.**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Finance, Department of Fiancial Services
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 BENGALURU**
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House Building Rajbhavan Road Bangalore - 560001

**TRC No. 2457/2018 (DCP3413) in OA No. 397/2003**
**NOTICE TO LEGAL HEIR/REPRESENTATIVE OF CD No. 4- Late Munirathnamma**

**Between : Canara Bank,** Basavanagudi Branch ...Certificate Holder
**Versus**
**G. C. Colour Lab and Others** ...Certificate Debtors
**Legal Heir of Deceased CD No. 4-Mrs. C. Munirathnamma**

1. **Mr. Giriraj** S/o. Late Bettappa and C. Munirathnamma, 12/1, Between Muneshwara Temple and Masjid Matadahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. ...Legal Heir of Deceased CD No. 4 of TRC

Whereas Recovery Certificate issued in O.A. No.397/2003 has been forwarded by Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bangalore, to the undersigned for the recovery of debt amounting to **Rs.21,37,483 /-** (Rupees Twenty One lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Four hundred and Eighty Three Only) with subsequent interest as mentioned in the Recovery Certificate and costs from the CDs/Defendants as per RC and whereas the CD No.4- namely Mrs. C. Munirathnamma reported as died leaving behind you as being one of legal heir/representative. In view of the above, the Certificate Holder Bank filed on affidavit and sought reliefs there under.

You are hereby given notice that steps will be taken under all or any of the provisions of Sec. 25 to 28 of RDBN Act 1993 read with Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 to recover the above said amount from estate of the deceased CD No. 4 together with future interest payable and the costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of warrants and other processes issued and all other proceedings taken for realizing the specified amount, as per record CD No. 4 is the mortgagor who is the owner of the RC Property which is fell into your hand as Legal Heir/representative.

You are hereby given notice that steps will be taken under all or any of the provisions of Sec. 25 of RDB Act 1993 read with II schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 to recover the above said amount from you together with future interest payable and the costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of warrants and other process issued and all other proceedings taken for realization the specified amount with future interest, costs and expenses incurred so far and the afore said is payable by you within 15 days from the date of service of this notice.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal this 10.01.2025

Sd/- Recover Officer-1
Debts Recovery Tribunal -2, Bengaluru

**NB:** Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act 1961 read with RDDBFI Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

**"Rule 16** (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representatives or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, not shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other moneys contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

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## उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग (क्रियेटिव प्रभाग)

संख्या: 90/सू. एवंज.सं. वि. ( क्रियेटिव )-06/2024 लखनऊ दिनांक 27-जनवरी, 2025

### जेम बिड की सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की जनकल्याणकारी योजनाओं, विकास कार्यक्रमों, नीतियों एवं उपलब्धियों के प्रचार-प्रसार संबंधी क्रियेटिव कार्य हेतु एजेंसी के चयन से संबंधित जेम बिड सं0-GEM/2025/B/5866137 जेम पोर्टल पर दिनांक 24.01.2025 को अपलोड करायी गयी है। इच्छुक निविदादाता/एजेंसी द्वारा बिड में दिनांक 08.02.2025 को रात्रि 8:00 बजे तक प्रतिभाग किया जा सकता है। बिड दिनांक 08.02.2025 को रात्रि 8:30 बजे अथवा अगले कार्यदिवस में समिति के समक्ष निविदादाताओं की उपस्थिति / अनुपस्थिति में खोली जायेगी।

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(शिशिर)
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RO No. 227570 Date 28.01.2025
Website : www.upgov.nic.in

## YES BANK — Yes Bank Limited

Prestige obelisk, Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturba Road, Banglore - 560001

### PUBLICATION OF NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

Notice is hereby given that the under mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) who have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the Overdraft facilities obtained by them from the Bank and whose facility account has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on their last known addresses but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

| Sr. No.1 | Agreement No. HLN002201630710 | Type of Loan: HLN | O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs. 11,073,241.01/- | NPA Date: 13-Aug-2024 | Notice Date: 21-10-2024 |
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**Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: 1.Mr. M .Kumar 2. Smt. Anitha.**

**Details of secured asset: Item-1 -** All that piece and parcel of the property of the Residential Site No.3C located in Northern portion in Sy.No.21/4, Converted Sy.21/4, BBMP Katha No.270/21/4/3C(Vide Conversion Sy.No.21/4, BBMP Katha No.270/21/4/3C (Vide Conversion Order No.A.L.N.(S)KEN/43/2016-17, Dated:27-10-2017) Katha no.21/4/3C Situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, the property comes under the limit s BBMP and bounded as follows :East to West- 80-0 feet North to South-20-0 feet Total area -1600 sqft (Residential vacant land) East: Private Property West: Road North: Private Property South: Southern Portion of Same Site No.3C

The above borrowers and/or their guarantors(s)/mortgaror(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of said 60 days under sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act.

Furthermore, this is to bring to your attention that under Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the securd asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

**Date : 29-01-2025, Place : Bangalore** **Sd/- Authorized officer, For YES BANK Limited**

Government of Maharashtra
Department of Co-operation, Marketing and Textiles
Asian Development Bank assisted

## Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) Project, Pune
## Project Management Unit (PMU),

**386/2, 10th Floor, Sharada Chambers, Shankar Sheth Road, Pune, Pin Code:- 411037, E-mail:- projectadb@msamb.com, Tel No.- 020-24206000**

**E-tender advertisement regarding selection of service provider organization for Study Tour & Exposure Visit [Maharashtra State, National (Outside the State) and International] and Trade Fair & Exhibition Participation (National and International) under output-1 component of MAGNET Project**

### E-TENDER NOTICE

Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) Project is a registered autonomous organization. MAGNET project is inviting tenders through electronics tendering system (E-Tender) for selection of service provider organization for Study Tour & Exposure Visit [Maharashtra State, National (Outside the State) and International] and Trade Fair & Exhibition Participation (National and International) under output-1 component of MAGNET Project.

For tender package, complete details about project, service provider organization eligibility criteria, term of reference etc. and other information visit **"http://mahatenders.gov.in".** The final authority to select the service provider organization based on eligibility criteria will rest with Project Director, Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) Project.

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| Date of E-Tender Issue | Date 29.01.2025 | Day: Wednesday | Time: 11:00 AM |
| Date of Pre-Bid Meeting | Date 06.02.2025 | Day: Thursday | Time: 03.00 PM |
| Last Date of E-Tender Submission | Date 06.03.2025 | Day: Thursday | Time: 05.00 PM |
| Date of E-Tender Opening | Date 07.03.2025 | Day : Friday | Time: 03.00 PM |

Sign/-
**Project Director**

## LIC HFL — LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

### DEMAND NOTICE

**NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.**

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower has defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mention date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore, the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.2 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.

The borrower attention is also invited as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of the secured assets will be available to them only till date of publication of Sale Notice.

| Sl No | Name of the Borrower & Loan No | Demand Notice Date | Notice Amount (in Rupees) | Description of the Property |
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| 1. | Ms. Shilpa T J Mr. B Chaitanya Kumar Loan A/c No. 411900018381 | 16/01/2025 | Rs. 1222976.00 | Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing PID No's. 150200401600820893, 150200401600820894 & 150200401600820895 Site No. 158, Khata No.1958, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in total measuring 1200 Square Feet, in the Layout known as "ABD LEGACY" carved out of converted land bearing Sy. No. 128/P10, 128/P17, 128/P26, 191, 223 224, totally measuring 14 (Fourteen) Acres, situated at Mandur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, duly converted through Vide Official Memorandums bearing No's. ALN (E.B) S.R- 14, 15, 16, 17, 18/2006-07 dated 05.01.2015, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore and bounded on: East by : Site No. 114West by : Road North by: Site No. 157South by : Site No.159 |
| 2. | Ms. N Subhashini Loan A/c No. 411900018091 | 10.01.2025 | Rs. 11123975.00 | Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcelof the Residentially converted lands bearing Survey Nos. 53/1 and 54, admeasuring 9 Acres, situated at Kasavanhalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East (formerly South) Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural/ residential purposes vide Official Memorandum No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)270/91-92, Dated: 20/04/1992 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner and presently bearing BBMP Katha No. 2970/1, Kasavanahalli Grama, Bellandur Sub-Division, and bounded by :- East by: Remaining portion of Sy No. 53/1 and 54, West by : Property of Military North by : Road, South by: Property of Military SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (Hereby conveyed to the Purchaser) 407 Square Feet of Undivided share, right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the Land described in the Schedule "A" hereinabove Schedule "C" Property : (Hereby conveyed to the Purchaser) A Three Bedroom Apartment bearing No. G1810 Seventeenth Floor, Block No. G, of the Residential Apartment Complex known as "EVERGREENS" (OZONE) Apartment constructed on the schedule "A" Property, measuring 1216 Square Feet Super built-up area together with proportionate share in common areas, passage, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and exclusive right to use the 1No. of covered car park, flooring-vitrified tiles, the property Now comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 150 (Bellandur), Katha No. 1410/3179/2970/1/g-1810, PID No. 3179/2970/1/G-1810, Bangalore |
| 3. | Mr. Sarswati Chandra Mr. Sunil Suresh Malagave Loan A/c No. 4002150000114 | 04.01.2025 | Rs. 4928073.00 | All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Municipal No.790, PID No.17-129-790, formed in Sy.No.46, now situated at 8th Cross, N G O's Colony, Vrushabhavathinagara, Bangalore (Previously Saneguruvanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Old Ward No.17, New Ward No.102, and bounded as follows: East by: Lakshmamma Property, West by: Road, North by: Raju Property, South by: Sarojamma Property. And measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.feet together with 3 (Three) squares of AC Sheet house with Red-oxide Flooring Provided with Electricity, Water and Sanitary facilities thereon |
| 4. | Ms. C G Rajamma Loan A/c No. 410700005771 | 09.01.2025 | Rs. 1755026.51 | Schedule "A" Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.127, Sy No. 98 converted to Agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose out of 5 Acres 30Guntas Order No. ALN(ST)SR88/2015-16 dated 08/12/2015 by Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District and converted Gram Panchayathi No. e-khatha No. 150200302403924530- Sy No. 192/98 measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet in all total 1200 sq.feet, situated at Ajjanahalli Gram Panchayathi, Thavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the: East by : Site no. 120 West by: Road, North by : Site No.126 South by : Site No. 128. |
| 5. | Mr. Hari Venkatesh C Ms. S Sushma Loan A/c No. 410400008450 | 06.01.2025 | Rs. 10807967.00 | Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA Site No.2530, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority at Kumarswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore, presently bearing Municipal No.2530, New PID No.181-W0266-10 (old PID No.55-356-2530), situated at Kumarswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.181 (Old Ward No.55) of Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West: (12.20+17.30)/2 meters and North to South: 18 meters, in all measuring 265.5 Square meters, and bounded as follows: East by:Property bearing No.2529.West by: C.A.Area. North by: Property bearing Nos.2542 & 2541. South by: Road. Schedule 'B' Property : All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.302, in the Second Floor of in the Residential Apartment known as "VS VAISHNAVI HEAVENS" presently bearing Municipal No.2530/4, PID No.55-356-2530/4, situated at 14th Main, Kumarswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore, present BBMP Ward No.181, Bangalore, constructed on the schedule 'A' property and the apartment measuring 1425 Square feet of super built up area having 3 (Three) Bedrooms, one Hall, Kitchen, One Bathroom and Toilet, having vitrified tiles Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and Iron and Steel framed Windows, R.C.C. roofing, with all civic amenities like water, electricity and sanitary facilities, with common overhead tank and common sump water facilities, with One covered Car Parking space in stilt floor, together with proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other area of common use. Schedule 'C' Property : 285.6 Square feet of undivided right, title, share, interest and ownership in the Schedule 'A' Property. |
| 6. | Mr. Nithish L Loan A/c No. 410100010747 | 13.01.2025 | Rs. 31,09,716.00 | Schedule Of Property : All that piece and parcel of the property situated at Bangalore North Taluk, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Srigandhakavalu Village, Sy.No.109 2 Acre 02 guntas site, On dated 14.3.2012 Bangalore City, Special District Officer issued Authorized letter dated ALN SR 136/2011-12 converting Agricultural land into Non-Agricultural land, BBMP Ward No.70, SOUTHERN PORTION OF SITE NO 39 (40 x 15 ft.) AND NORTHERN PORTION OF SITE NO.40 (40 x 5 ft.) measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 20 feet, Total extent of property is 800 sq.ft and bounded on the: East by :Site No.33 and 34 West by :Road North by :Remaining Portion of Site No.39 part South by: Remaining Portion of site No.40 part. |
| 7. | Mr. Raghavendra Loan A/c No. 410600006354 410600009822 | 10.01.2025 | Rs. 3657739.00 | Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of Vacant property bearing Site No.596, the layout formed by the B.D.A at further Extension Bhanashankari (Vrushabhavathi Nagar) Layout, VI Stage, IV 'H' Block, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 6.00 meters, North to South: 9.00 meters, in all total measuring 54.00 Sq.meters and bounded on: East by:Site No.597 West by: Site No.595 North by: Site No.589 South by:Road. |

Place: Bangalore
Date:29/01/2025

**Sd/- Authorized Officer**
**LIC Housing Finance Limited**

**176 people** safely evacuated after passenger plane in South Korea catches fire

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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| Colombo | 30 | 24 | SNY | Melbourne | 39 | 16 | SNY |
| Dhaka | 27 | 16 | SNY | Moscow | 1 | -1 | LS |
| Dubai | 24 | 19 | SNY | New York | 2 | -2 | SNY |
| Houston | 23 | 16 | LR | Singapore | 30 | 25 | LR |
| Istanbul | 12 | 10 | LC | Toronto | 1 | -2 | LC |
| London | 12 | 9 | LC | Washington | 9 | 7 | LR |

# Mobs attack foreign embassies in Congo

Protesters want the international community to pressure Rwanda to halt advance of rebels like M23 into their city

**GOMA**

DOZENS of demonstrators attacked several foreign embassies, including those of Rwanda, France and Belgium, on Tuesday demanding that they oppose the advance of Rwanda-backed M23 rebels into a major city in the country's conflict-battered east.

Police fired teargas at the protesters as they marched to the embassies in Kinshasa, looting and setting fires to parts of the buildings. The embassies of Kenya and Uganda were also attacked.

Congo's security forces were attempting to slow the rebels, who advanced into Goma, a key eastern city, in a major escalation of the decades-long conflict.

The M23 rebels are one of about 100 armed groups vying for a foothold in the mineral-rich region in the conflict, one of Africa's largest.

Protesters, left, gather as smoke billows from burning tires during a demonstration in Kinshasa on Tuesday. Protesters, above, run through the streets of Kinshasa | AFP

The protesters demanded that the international community pressure Rwanda over the rebel advance. "We denounce the hypocrisy of the international community," said Timoth'e Tshishimbi, one of the protesters. "They must tell Rwanda to stop this adventure."

Residents reported gunfire overnight in Goma, a city of 2 million people which the rebels claimed to have captured on Monday. Explosions and gunfire were heard near the now-shut Goma airport.

Goma is a regional trade and humanitarian hub holding hundreds of thousands of the more than 6 million people displaced by eastern Congo's prolonged conflict over ethnic tensions that have resulted in one of the world's largest humanitarian crises.

The M23 rebels temporarily took over Goma in 2012 before being forced to pull out under international pressure, and resurfaced in late 2021 with increasing support from Rwanda, according to Congo's government and United Nations experts. Rwanda has denied such support. It was unclear how much of Goma is controlled by the rebels, who marched into the city on day to both fear and cheers among residents. It was the culmination of weeks of fighting during which the rebels captured several towns in a shocking advance.

"Since morning we have heard bomb explosions and crackling bullets," said Sam Luwawa, a resident of Goma. "So far we cannot say who really controls the city."

Three South African peacekeepers were killed on Monday when the rebels launched a mortar bomb toward the Goma airport which landed on the nearby South African National Defence Force, while a fourth soldier succumbed to injuries sustained in fighting days ago, the South African Department of Defence said Tuesday.

That makes 17 peacekeepers and foreign soldiers who have been killed in the fighting, according to UN and army officials. *AP*

# US federal grants tap off, Don orders ideological review

**WASHINGTON**

THE White House is pausing federal grants and loans starting on Tuesday as President Donald Trump's administration begins an across-the-board ideological review of its spending.

The funding freeze by the Republican administration could affect trillions of dollars and cause widespread disruption in healthcare research, education programmes and other initiatives. Even grants that have been awarded but not spent are supposed to be halted.

"The use of Federal resources to advance Marxist equity, transgenderism, and green new deal social engineering policies is a waste of taxpayer dollars that does not improve the day-to-day lives of those we serve," said a memo from Matthew Vaeth, the acting director of the Office of Management and Budget. he pause takes effect at 5 pm, and it's unclear from the memo how sweeping it will be.

Vaeth said that all spending must comply with Trump's executive orders, which are intended to undo progressive steps on transgender rights, environmental justice and diversity, equity and inclusion, or DEI, efforts.

Vaeth wrote that each agency must complete a comprehensive analysis of all of their Federal financial assistance programmes to identify programmes, projects, and activities that may be implicated by any of the President's executive orders.

Washington is a hub of spending that flows to various departments, local governments, nonprofits and contractors, and the memo has left countless people who are dependent on that money wondering how they will be affected.

The pause is the latest example of how Trump is harnessing his power over the federal system to advance his conservative goals. Unlike during his first term, when Trump and many members of his inner circle were unfamiliar with Washington, this time he's reaching deep into the bureaucracy. *AP*

### Transgender troops policy up for review

Washington: President Donald Trump signed an executive order Monday directing Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth to revise the Pentagon's policy on transgender troops, likely setting in motion a future ban on their military service. He also ordered troops to be reinstated who had been booted for refusing COVID-19 vaccines

**ASIA MATTERS**

## NGO IN DIRE STRAITS AFTER FUND FREEZE

A small Malaysian wildlife conservation group said it faces financial ruin after US President ordered a freeze on foreign aid, as the ripple effect of Washington's policy turn threatens wildlife preservation, refugee relief, which depend heavily on grants, *SCMP* reported. Arlina Ghani, co-founder of Justice for Wildlife Malaysia said the shift has already "severely impacted" their work. "We have always relied on grants for our work. It is not sustainable nor ideal, but work such as ours is – while crucial – sadly not sexy. I understand this," Arlina said in a social media post.

**SERBIA'S PM RESIGNS**

Students rest during a protest in Belgrade, which eventually led to the resignation of Serbian Prime Minister Milos Vucevic on Tuesday. A canopy collapse in November, which killed 15 people in the northern city of Novi Sad, become a flashpoint reflecting wider discontent with the PM's increasingly autocratic rule. He has faced accusations of curbing democratic freedoms in Serbia | AP


**Indian Bank, Zonal Office, Bengaluru**
**4th Floor, East Wing, Raheja Towers**
**MG Road, Bengaluru - 560001**

**APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]**
**Sale notice for sale of immovable properties**

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **14.02.2025**, for recovery due to the Indian Bank, Secured Creditor, from the Borrowers.The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

**Indian Bank, Halasuru Branch Ph. No: 1. Rajesh Nandan, 9130064351, 2. KEERTHANA B, 9449864121**

**Sl No.1: Name of the Borrowers:Mrs. Pramila M Shetty W/o Manohar S Shetty and Mr. Manohar M Shetty, S/o Shivarama Shetty (Borrower), both are residing at Address No.190, G-1 H D Huleri Chambers, 1st main Road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru 560058 .Amount Recovery :** Rs. 32,89,917/- (Rupees Thirty-two lakhs eighty-nine thousand nine hundred seventeen only) (as on 26.01.2025) . **Detailed description of the Property:Schedule 'A' Property:**All the Piece and parcel of immovable Property in land comprised in Syrvey Nos. 16/3, 16/4 and 16/5 in all measuring 11617 Sq. mts, Veerasandra Village, Bangalore Hosur Road, Attibele, Hobili, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru South.
**Schedule 'B' Property:**All the Piece and parcel of immovable Property in land comprised in Syrvey Nos. 16/3, 16/4 and 16/5, Veerasandra Village, Bangalore Hosur Road, Attibele, Hobili, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru South admeasuring approx. 8449 sq mts (i.e. 90910 sq.ft.) which is part of Schedule 'A' Property
**Schedule 'C' Property:**354/90910 sq.ft. proportionate undivided share right, title interest and ownership in the land decribed in schedule 'B' Property.
**Schedule 'D' Property:**All that residential apartment bearing No. C 1604 now bearing E-Khatha No. 150200103100600907/779/ Sixteenth floor C-1604 alloted by the Rural Development and Panchayath Raj Department, Veerasandra Village, Hebbagodi Gram Panchayarh, Anekal Block, Bengalore District in the Sixteenth floor of 'C' Block of thr Building called "AQUA HEIGHTS" built in Schedule 'B' property and admeasuring 1470 square feet of super built up area (Which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use) and one reserved Car parking space, in the basement Floor/Ground/First floor and the apartment is bounded on the East by: Commercial Block,West by: C-1601,North by Staircase Corridor,South by: Flat No. D - 1602.

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| Encumbrances on property | **NIL** |
| Reserve Price | **Rs 1,24,70,000/-** |
| EMd Amount | **Rs 12,47,0000/-** |
| Bid incremental amount | **Rs.10,000/-** |
| Date and time of e-auction | **Dt 14.02.2025 from 10.00 AM to 04.00PM** |
| Property ID No | **IDIB6573035890** |

QR Code

Bank Website www.indianbank.in | E-auction website | Document (Sale Notice Image) | Property Location | Photos of Property

Contact Person: 1. Rajesh Nandan, 9130064351
2. KEERTHANA B, 9449864121

**Indian Bank, Jayanagar 4th Block Branch**
**Ph. No:: 1. (Mr. VIKAS CHANDRA PRABHAKAR, 9449864113) 2. (Mr. SAMEER KALRA, 8050291621)**

**Sl No.2: Name of the Borrowers:1.Mrs. Divya D D/o Sri Devwgowda(Borrower) Add:-No.34, Vasundara Nilaya, 1st Main Road 3rd Cross, Sadashivanagara, Nelamangala Bangalore-562123. Also at, Add-Flat No 141-S2 Second Floor,Site No .141,Katha No.498, 3rd Stage Athmeeya Geleyara Balaga Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Layout Chikkasandra Village Yeshwanthapura HobliBangalore North,Bangalore-560107.Amount Recovery :** Rs. 51,59,846.00 (Rupees Fifty-one lakhs fifty nine thousand eight hundred fourth six Only) (as on 26.01.2025) with further interest & Charges . **Detailed description of the Property:Schedule 'A' Property:**All that piece and parcel of Property site bearing No.141, Khata No.498, situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, situated in Sy. Nos.9,10/1,10/2,10/3,10/4,11/1,11/2,12/1,12/2,13,14/1,14/2,14/3,14/4,14/6,16/1,16/2,16/3,17,18,19,21/1,21/2,21/3,21/4,21/5,21/6,22,49 and 50 in the layout formed by Athmeeya Geleyara Balaga Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Limited, 3rd stage, presently comes under BBMP Limits. Boundaries :East by : Site No. 140 West By: site no 142 North By : Road South By : Site Nos. 149 & 150
**Schedule 'B' Property:**1/6th Undivided share, right title and interest and ownership equivalent to 406.667 square feet in the land Schedule A property .
**Schedule 'C' Property:**All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No.S-2, Municipal No. 498/141/5, in the 2nd Floor, measuring about 1100 sq. ft., of super built up area with ceramic flooring and a car parking in the basement floor, now within the limits of BBMP, Ward No.12, Chikkasandra, Bangalore.

| | |
|---|---|
| Encumbrances on property | **NIL** |
| Reserve Price | **Rs. 36,00,000.00** |
| EMd Amount | **Rs. 3,60,000.00** |
| Bid incremental amount | **Rs.10,000/-** |
| Date and time of e-auction | **Dt 14.02.2025 from 10.00 AM to 04.00PM** |
| Property ID No | **IDIB7088594922** |

QR Code

Bank Website www.indianbank.in | E-auction website | Document (Sale Notice Image) | Property Location | Photos of Property

Contact Person: 1. (Mr. VIKAS CHANDRA PRABHAKAR, 9449864113)
2. (Mr. SAMEER KALRA, 8050291621)

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**Date : 27.01.2025**
**Place : BENGALURU**
**Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule here below from its owner; **Shri. Suresh L Agadi,** son of Shri. Lingappa Guddappa Agadi. The Owner represents that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and has good marketable, right, title and interest therein and there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property. The Owner represents that, he has neither conveyed nor has entered into any Agreement of sale/ Memorandum of Understanding nor has entered into any sort of arrangement with any person/s for sale/transfer/development with respect to the Schedule Property and he has not encumbered, mortgaged, created any charge or lien on the Schedule Property in any manner and apart from him, there are no other person/s, firm or company having any sort of right, title or claim over the Schedule Property. Any person/s having objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence, lodge their objection(s)/claim(s) within Seven (07) days from the date of publication of this Notice with the Undersigned failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

**Schedule**

All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing No. 328, BDA property ID No. 6000006251, in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 1st Block, Banashankari 6th Stage, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 15.00 meters (49.20 feet), North to South: 24.00 meters (78.74 feet), measuring in total 360 square meters (3,875 square feet) together with all rights, appurtenance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

**East by:**Site No. 327; **West by:**Site No. 329; **North by:**Site Nos. 342 & 343; and **South by:**Road.

**Jayanth M Pattanshetti Advocate,**
**Jayanth Pattanshetti Associates LLP,**
102, Ground Floor, "Rams Infantry Manor" No. 70 Infantry Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.
Ph. 25593195/25581469/9980530355.
**Date:** 29/01/2025. **Place:** Bengaluru.



**IN THE COURT OF II ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU**
**L.A.C. No. 300/2019 [CCH-17]**

**BETWEEN: 1. Sri. Rangaswamy,** S/o Late. Muddarangaiah, Residing at Byalalu Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District - 562130 **...CLAIMANTS**

**AND: SLAO, Karnataka Housing Board ...RESPONDENT**

**NOTICE TO CLAIMANT NO.4 TO 7,15 AND 17 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC**

**To. 4. Smt. Nagamma,** D/o Late. Suggaiah, W/o Ramaiah, Residing at Byalalu Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District - 562130, **5. Sri. Muniraju,** S/o Late. Rangaswamy, Residing at Pantarapalya Village, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District - 560039, **6. Sri. Narasimha Murthy,** S/o Late. Rangaswamy, Residing at Pantarapalya Village, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District - 560039, **7. Smt. Hanumakka @ Kenchamma,** W/o Late. Suggiah, Residing at Chunchanakuppe Post, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District - 562130, **15. Smt. Suggamma,** S/o Late. Nanjappa, Residing at Byramangala Village, Bidadi Hobli and Post, Ramangara Taluk, Ramanagara District - 562109, **17. Smt. Siddamma,** W/o Late. Venkateshappa, Residing at Bangarappa Nagara, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District - 560098

Whereas, the Respondent authority has filed this case against you and other claimants for reference under Section 77(1) of RFCTLA Act 2013 it relates to acquisition case No.KHB/LAQ/5/2010-11 and acquisition of land in Sy.No.58/10B measuring 1-00 Acre of Byalalu Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District vide Declaration No: RD: 204: Bhu Swa Be: 2012. Dated: 27.11.2012 and deposited the amount of Rs.1,23,72,877/ before this Hon'ble Court for apportionment.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the court of II Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-17) either in person or through a duly appointed counsel to pleader on your behalf on **11-02-2025** at **11.00 AM** failing which the matter will be heard and determined in your absence, placing ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 14-11-2024

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The General Public is hereby notified that **Smt. P.A. Sarojamma,** residing at No.908 Sahana Panchavati, 7th Main Road, BEML Layout, 3rd Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore, - 560098 is the owner of the Schedule Property described infra.

It is noticed that the original Sale deed dated 21.01.1980 (doc.no.6872/1979-80) pertaining to the Schedule Property is lost / misplaced. In this connection, an E-Complaint has been lodged on 30.11.2024 at Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, bearing Serial no.1361072.

The finder of the said document is requested to surrender the original sale deed to the undersigned within 07 days from this day, failing which, it shall be deemed that the sale deed is irretrievably lost and certified copy of the same shall be obtained from the office of Sub-registrar of Assurances in lieu of lost original for the purpose of records.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.no.187/2, measuring 1 ½ guntas 9 cents situated at Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded as follows :

East by : Road,
West by : Road,
North by : Land owned by Mehaboobi,
South by : Private property.

**R. RAJALAKSHMI,** Advocate
No.520, III Floor, Prabhat Complex, K.G Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Ph - 41247862 & 41224958,
Date: 28-01-2025



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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**
**BID IDENTIFICATION NO.19/CCE NH, South of 2024-25**
**(e-Procurement)**
**Bid Identification No. 19/CCE NH, South of 2024-25**
**No.165 Dated: 21.01.2025**

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1) The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern N.H Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road works as detailed in the table below.
2) Nature of work : Road
3) No of work : **2 Nos.**
4) Tender Cost : Rs.10,000/-
5) Class of Contractor : **"A" Class & "B" Class**
6) Availability of Bid document in the Website : **From 30.01.2025 11.00 AM to 13.02.2025 5.30 PM**
7) Date of Opening of Bid : 14.02.2025 at 11.30 A.M.
8) The Bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersorissa.gov.in.**
9) Any Corrigendum/Addendum/Cancellation of will be displayed in the e-tender website only.

**Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer**
**Southern NH Circle, Berhampur**

OIPR-34148/11/0012/2425



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**CAD-2398:** Tender for the following works are invited on-line through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha.

| Sl. No | Name of the work | Estimated cost (In lakh) | Time period of the work (in month) | Class of Contractor | EMD online (In Rupees) | Cost of Bid document (Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Development of Landscape of OMC Regional Office campus at Rayagada in the district of Rayagada | 377.40 | 09 (Nine) | A | 3,77,400/- | 10,000/- +18% GST |
| 2 | Construction of boundary wall (phase-1), Entry gate with security shed and landscape development of new building infra areas at Khandadhar Township of Kurmitar iron ore mines in the district of Sundargarh. | 596.38 | 11 (Eleven) | A | 5,96,400/- | 10,000/- +18% GST |
| 3 | Interior renovation work of Room No.29 in Ground floor of OMC HO, Bhubaneswar in the district of Khorda. | 31.74 | 04 (Four) | C & B | 31,800/- | 6,000/- +18% GST |

1. Availability of Bid document in Govt. portal from **dt. 04/02/2025 to 18/02/2025 up to 5.00 PM.**
2. Last date of on-line submission of tender in the portal is **dt.18/02/2025 up to 5.00 PM.**
3. Date of opening of Technical Bid is **dt. 19/02/2025 at 11.00 AM.**

All other details can be seen from bid documents available at Govt. web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

**Sd/-**
**General Manager (Civil)**

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**CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH E-TENDER**
**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

e-bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following works as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

| Sl. No. | Name of work and Tender No. | Bid Security | e-Bid Submission Closing Date | e-Bid Opening Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sewer Package IA – Replacement of various sizes of damaged PSC/SWP, Enlargement/ Improvement/ Extension of sewage pumping main and Strengthening of existing collection system in various Sewage Pumping Stations commanding areas in Area I, III & IV under Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam. **CNT/SEW/NCB/VCVT/3651/2024-25** | **Rs.13.02 lakhs** | **13.02.2025 upto 3.00 p.m.** | **14.02.2025 after 3.30 p.m.** |
| 2 | Sewer Package IB – Replacement/Enlargement of various sizes of damaged DWC/PSC/SWP/CI pipes in various location in Area IV & V under Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam. **CNT/SEW/NCB/VCVT/3652/2024-25** | **Rs.14.32 lakhs** | **13.02.2025 upto 3.00 p.m.** | **14.02.2025 after 3.30 p.m.** |
| 3 | Sewer Package IC – Replacement/Enlargement of various sizes of damaged DWC/PSC/SWP/CI pipes in various location in Area IV under Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam. **CNT/SEW/NCB/VCVT/3653/2024-25** | **Rs.11.56 lakhs** | **13.02.2025 upto 3.00 p.m.** | **14.02.2025 after 3.30 p.m.** |

EMD by online transfer only through tender Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Tender document.

Availability of tender documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: **www.tntenders.gov.in** For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from **30.01.2025.**

**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**
**(Contracts & Monitoring)**

நேலை இந்நருணம் – குடிநீர் சிக்கனம் **DIPR/333/Tender/2025**



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public are hereby informed that my clients are in the process of transacting with **Mr. J. Abdul Rub** S/o Abdul Jaleel, aged about 59 years, R/of 2/A, 3rd Street, Chick Bazaar Road, Tasker Town, Bangalore 560051, Presently R/at 29369 Medburn CT Farmington Hills, MI 48336-2122, USA, for the purchase of House No. 102, HIG, in Koramangala Extension, Bangalore measuring East to West: 19.634 metres and North to South: 13.335 metres, with Ground Plus 2 Floors RCC building constructed on it; morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter known as the Schedule Property. Mr. J. Abdul Rub represents that he is the absolute owner and having clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property.

Any person(s)/Firm(s)/Institution(s) including Financial Institution having any right, title, interest, claim, demand, charge or encumbrance over the Schedule Property, are called upon to notify the undersigned about their claim or objections if any, together with documentary proof thereof within Seven (7) days from the date of this notice, failing which it would be conclusively presumed that No person/Firm/Institution including Financial Institution have any right, title, interest, claim, charge or encumbrance, whatsoever, on the Schedule Property and further my clients will be entitled to proceed with the transaction for purchase of Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

**Schedule Property**

House No. 102, HIG, in Koramangala Extension, Bangalore measuring East to West: 19.634 metres and North to South: 13.335 metres, and bounded by:
**East by:**Road **West by:**MIG III
**North by:** H. No. 101 **South by:**MIG 103
With Ground, First and Second Floor RCC building constructed on it

**Sd/-**
**Suresh I Mugalakki, Advocate**
No. 102, 1st Floor, East Wing, K.S. Building, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009
H/P:9880782409, 9036655966
Email: a.m.yadhav@gmail.com


# Wannabe PM of Canada lays out plans to take on Trump

**VANCOUVER**

CHRYSTIA Freeland, the former finance minister who is running to replace Justin Trudeau as Canada's prime minister, said on Monday Canada needs to release a 'retaliation list' of goods the country would target if US President Donald Trump makes good on his threat to slap 25% tariffs on Canadian goods.

Chrystia Freeland

A list of products worth $200 billion Canadian dollars ($139 billion) would send a message to US exporters about the harm tariffs would cause them, Freeland said in a statement.

"Being smart means retaliating where it hurts," she said. "Our counterpunch must be dollar-for-dollar and it must be precisely and painfully targeted: Florida orange growers, Wisconsin dairy farmers, Michigan dishwasher manufacturers, and much more."

"Now is the moment when Canada must make clear to Americans the specific costs that will accompany any tariff measures by the Trump administration."

Trump has said he will use economic coercion to pressure Canada to become the nation's 51st state. He continues to erroneously cast the US trade deficit with Canada a natural resource-rich nation that provides the US with commodities like oil as a subsidy.

Canada is the top export destination for 36 US states. Nearly $3.6 billion Canadian ($2.7 billion) worth of goods and services cross the border each day.

John Ries, senior associate dean at the University of British Columbia Sauder School of Business, said Canada should retaliate against any tariffs but warned against publicising a list in advance, citing the risk of antagonising Trump and making it harder for him to back off on his threats.

"He always wants to win," said Ries. *AP*

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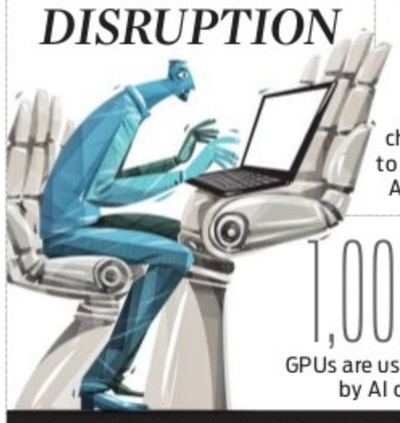
| 128.10 ▲ | Nifty | 22,957.25 | 300 ▼ | 22 carat (10 gm) | ₹75,250 | ⇔ | 10 gm | ₹965 | ▼ | Euro | 90.33 |

## DEEPSEEK DISRUPTION



Liang Wenfeng founded DeepSeek in **2023**

Company claims to have built the model at $6 million using **2,000** GPUs

OpenAI had spent $100 million to train **GPT-4**

Indian tech firms have teamed up with leading maker of computer chips Nvidia to accelerate AI adoption

**1,00,000** GPUs are usually used by AI companies

US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP SAID DEEPSEEK IS A 'WAKE-UP CALL' FOR US TECH FIRMS

India's potential to tap opportunity, train AI models relatively cheaper, say tech experts

# DeepSeek effect: India should build cheaper AI models

**UMA KANNAN** @ Bengaluru

TWO years after OpenAI's ChatGPT took the world by storm, China's AI model DeepSeek has now sparked a debate among tech enthusiasts on building low-cost AI models and India's potential to tap the opportunity, train foundational AI models relatively cheaper than the cost involved currently.

Currently, Indian tech firms have tied up with leading maker of computer chips Nvidia to accelerate AI adoption. While DeepSeek has claimed its R1 model took only $6 million to build and that too using Nvidia's less-advanced chips, it had cost $100 million for OpenAI to build GPT-4 and Nvidia is the key supplier of advanced chips to the company.

This shows that countries, especially India, need not depend on advanced hardware and that this R1 model drives home the importance of innovation. Bruce Keith, co-founder & CEO, InvestorAi, said DeepSeek R1 has definitely challenged the dominance of a few players in the models and data ecosystem - OpenAI, Google and Meta will feel it the most. This genuinely democratises AI and gives countries who don't have existing infrastructure a huge leap forward to experiment and be part of the frontier.

The fact that they created this platform with under $6 million investments has shaken the tech CEOs globally highlighting that game changing innovations don't necessarily need billion-dollar investments, he added. Narendra Bhandari, General Partner, Seafund, a deeptech focused early-stage venture fund, said that this demonstrates a fantastic opportunity for India and that start-ups can aspire to build relevant models at much lower costs.

In its recent India's Generative AI Startup Landscape 2024 report, Nasscom revealed that the country's Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI) startups have attracted over $750 million in cumulative funding since 2023. Bhaskar Majumdar, managing partner, Unicorn India Ventures, said India is jumping on to AI mission with massive Nvidia GPU (Graphics Processing Units) purchase plans.

# Hyundai PAT falls 19% in Q3 over subdued demand

**ARSHAD KHAN** @ New Delhi

OWING to subdued demand in the domestic market and global headwinds impacting exports, Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) on Tuesday reported a 19% decline in its profit after tax (PAT) for the quarter ending December this fiscal (Q3FY25) at ₹1,161 crore as against ₹1,425 crore profit in the same quarter last financial year (Q3FY24).

Sequentially, profit fell 15.6% as the carmaker had reported a PAT of ₹1,375 crore in Q2FY25. It sold 186,408 units (domestic plus exports) of passenger vehicles during the reported quarter as against 190,979 units sold in Q3.

Shares of Hyundai Motor India closed 1.27% lower at ₹1,622.75 on the BSE on Tuesday. In contrast, benchmarks - Sensex and Nifty - settled with a gain of about 0.70% each.

Consolidated revenue from operations for Creta SUV maker fell to ₹16,648 crore in Q3FY25 as against ₹17,260 crore in the previous quarter, a fall of 3.5% QoQ. On an annual basis, the fall was 1.3%. EBITDA margin took a sharp hit in the reported quarter (Q3FY25) as it came down to 8.1% from 9.7% in the same quarter last year. The fall in margins, as per Hyundai, was mainly due to subdued demand & geo-political factors.

The carmaker said overall market sentiment remains weak, with urban demand yet to recover. Tarun Garg, COO at HMIL, said the slowdown in passenger vehicle (PV) market is cyclical, following robust growth over the past three years. He highlighted several potential positives for the industry, including expectations of lower interest rates, increased global stability with the resolution of ongoing conflicts, and improved rural sentiment. Garg projected low single-digit growth for the PV industry in Q4 FY25.

## *Hyundai aims 20% share in e-car mkt*

New Delhi: Hyundai Motor India (HMIL) announced on Tuesday its ambition to capture a 20% share of electric vehicle (EV) market in the medium to long term. It recently launched Creta Electric SUV and plans to introduce three more EVs in India. "In mid-to-long term, we believe we can achieve a 20% market share, and Creta EV could play a pivotal role. We expect 10% of Creta's volumes to come from Creta EV, which should boost our numbers in 2025 and beyond," said Tarun Garg, COO of HMIL. Unsoo Kim, MD of HMIL, said Creta Electric is their first locally manufactured electric SUV in India. *ENS*

## Paytm Payments' CEO Nakul Jain steps down

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ New Delhi

NAKUL JAIN has stepped down from the role of chief executive officer at Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL). This comes as the fintech company continues to wait for the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval for its payment aggregator licence.

"Nakul Jain, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of PPSL, has resigned from his position w.e.f. close of business hours on March 31, 2025 or an earlier mutually agreed date. Mr Jain has decided to pursue an entrepreneurial journey, which has led him to this decision," said 0ne97 Communications, parent firm of Paytm, in a regulatory filing.

"PPSL is actively working on identifying a suitable replacement and will announce the new appointment in due course. In the interim, PPSL remains focused on driving its growth and continuing to meet its business objectives," the statement said.

In November 2022, the RBI rejected Paytm's application due to non-compliance with Foreign Direct Investment regulations. However, in August 2024, Paytm received government approval for downstream investment into PPSL, after which the company reapplied for the payment aggregator (PA) licence.

# Zepto moves corporate base from Singapore to India ahead of IPO

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ New Delhi

QUICK-COMMERCE unicorn Zepto has officially moved its corporate base from Singapore to India, ahead of its highly anticipated initial public offering (IPO). The company's chief financial officer (CFO) Ramesh Bafna said that this is a good "ghar wapasi" template for the startup ecosystem and overtime, enables a great pipeline towards capital markets.

"Historic scenes on completion of... reverse merger from Singapore to India in the fastest ever timeline," Bafna said in a LinkedIn post today (January 28). "This is a display of understanding of technicals, working with right partners, getting into (the) nuts and bolts on execution, unblocking natural causes of delay and tactical calls real time by an empowered team," he added.

Zepto's move follows a growing trend among Indian startups, including companies like Groww and PhonePe, that have shifted their headquarters back to India to tap into the expanding local startup ecosystem. The relocation also comes amid reports that Zepto is looking to increase the size of its IPO from the previously planned $800 million to $1 billion.

As part of its shift, Zepto's Mumbai-based entity, Kiranakart Technologies Private Ltd, will likely become the holding company for Zepto, according to a January 9 ruling by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). Prior to this, Kiranakart Pte Ltd, based in Singapore, was the parent company.

Financially Zepto's revenue surged in financial year 2023-24, more than doubling to ₹4,454.52 crore, up from ₹2,025.70 crore the previous year.

**Warm up to mkt debut**

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**'Ghar wapasi'**

Zepto's move follows trend among Indian startups, including Groww and PhonePe that have shifted headquarters to India

## ASIANOMICS

### CHINA

**FACTORY ACTIVITY FALLS IN JAN FOR FIRST TIME IN 4 MONTHS**

Manufacturing sector in China slowed in January for the first time in four months as workers began leaving assembly lines to travel to their hometowns for Lunar New Year holidays. The National Bureau of Statistics said its purchasing managers index, based on a survey of factory managers, fell to 49.1 in January from 50.1 the month before. A PMI reading above 50 indicates expansion. Under 50 signals a fall in activity. New orders and production fell. A parallel purchasing managers' index for non-manufacturing sector, which covers construction and services, fell to 50.2 points from 52.2 in December. The fall in factory activity was partly due to the approach of holidays, said Zhao Qinghe, a bureau senior statistician. China's most important festival, this year public holidays will begin Tuesday and continue until Feb. 4. Millions of Chinese leave cities to travel back home for a rare break.

### JAPAN

**BOJ LIKELY TO RAISE RATES AGAIN BY JULY**

The Bank of Japan (BOJ) is expected to raise interest rates again around June or July, and seek to triple its policy rate to at least 1.5% in the next two years, former BOJ board member Makoto Sakurai said on Tuesday. Broadening wage hikes, prospects of sustained price rises and Japan's solid economic growth give the central bank scope to continue raising rates steadily, said Sakurai, who retains close contact with incumbent policymakers. The BOJ raised short-term rates to 0.5% from 0.25% last week, despite lingering uncertainty over economic fallout from U.S. President Donald Trump's policies. There is even a chance the BOJ could push forward the timing of its next rate hike to April, before domestic political uncertainty heightens ahead of an upper house election likely to be held in July, he said.

### THAILAND

**HANDS OUT $890 MN TO ELDERLY IN BOOST FOR ECONOMY**

Thailand transferred nearly 30 billion baht ($890 mn) to its senior citizens on Monday, part of a government program to tackle the high cost of living and stimulate the country's sluggish economy. More than 3 million senior citizens were given 10,000 baht each ($297), and the dole out will boost the country's $500 billion economy, Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra said. The government will continue the cash stimulus program, she said without elaborating. The handout was a flagship election promise of the ruling Pheu Thai party led by Paetongtarn but its rollout was delayed due to legal risks and lack of readiness of a digital application. In the first phase, the government extended the cash gift to 14.45 million welfare cardholders and disabled.

# Sebi rejects Danny Gaekwad's offer to buy 26% in Religare

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @ New Delhi

SEBI has rejected the competing open offer for Religare Enterprises by Florida, US-based investor Digivijay 'Danny' Gaekwad.

Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) responding to the Gaekwad's letter has said: "The letters submitted by Digvijay Laxmansinh Gaekwad are being returned since the same is not an exemption application in terms of Regulation 11 of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011." The content of the letter was part of an exchange filing by the New Delhi-headquartered company.

Gaekwad on January 24 had made a counter offer in cash for the company at ₹275 a share as against ₹235 apiece made by the Burman Family of the FMCG major Dabur group. The offer was made in a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the market regulator, according to a filing made by Religare to the BSE.

Gaekwad, in the letter, had said its offer of ₹275 per equity share represents a 17% premium to the open offer price offered by the Burmans and a 24% premium to the 60-day volume weighted average price of Religare's shares calculated with a reference date of September 22, 2023, of ₹221.

"We believe that the Burmans' Open Offer price of ₹235 per equity share grossly undervalues the real worth of Religare and is to the detriment of public shareholders. At the time the offer was made on September 25, 2023, the offer price was already at a discount of 15% to Religare's prevailing market price of nearly ₹271 per share. Even considering the closing price of Religare shares on January 22, 2025, the Burmans' Open Offer price is at a steep discount of 7%," the letter stated.

The offer is made days before Burmans' open offer to acquire an additional 26% stake in Religarefrom the open market is set to commence.

Last month, the Reserve Bank approved the open offer of the Burman family. As of September 30, 2024, through its four entities Burmans collectively owns a 25.12% stake in Religare.

**Gaekwad's request not exemption application: Sebi**

The letters submitted by Gaekwad returned since the same is not an exemption application in terms of Regulation 11 of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011, Sebi said. Gaekwad on Jan 24 had made a counter offer in cash at ₹275 a share as against ₹235 apiece made by the Burmans

# Retail digital payments increase 100-fold in 12 years; 83% via UPI

**BENN KOCHUVEEDAN** @ Mumbai

RETAIL digital payments have grown from 162 crore transactions in 2013 to over 16,416 crore transactions in 2024, which is nearly 100-fold jump during the past 12 years, show the latest payments system report by the Reserve Bank.

The success begins and ends with the UPI, the share of which in total digital payments has grown to 83% in 2024 from 34% in 2019. In 2024 alone, the country saw as much as 208.5 billion digital payment transactions, the RBI said. On the other hand, the share of other digital payment methods such as national electronic funds transfer (NEFT), real-time gross settlement (RTGS), immediate payment service (IMPS) and credit and debit cards fell from 66% in 2019 to 17% at the end of 2024.

This remarkable growth in the payment infrastructure and payments performance is apparent in digital payment index published by the RBI on Monday, which has seen over four-fold rise in past six years (to 445.50 in March 2024, from 100 in March 2018), as per the report. Overall digital payments have grown exponentially in the past decade. "While in 2013, there were 222 crore digital transactions valued at ₹772 lakh crore, it has increased 94 times in volume and over 3.5 times in value to over 20,787 crore transactions valued at ₹2,758 lakh crore in 2024," the report said. In the past five years, digital payments have increased 6.7 times in volume and 1.6 times in value.

**Payment infra rises four-fold in six years**

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This amounts to a five-year compounded annual growth of 45.9% in terms of digital payments volume and 10.2% in terms of value. From nascent payment ecosystem, comprising traditional card-based payments, it has transformed to an ecosystem offering a bouquet of digital payment options catering to need of the consumer - from instant payment systems (UPI, IMPS), small value payment systems (PPI, UPI Lite), large value payment (RTGS), bill payment (BBPS), bulk payment (NACH), offline payment (UPI Lite X), government payments (NACH, APBS), toll payments (NETC) and more.

## Q3FY25 RESULTS

## Bajaj Auto net profit surges 8% to ₹2,196 crore; revenue increases to ₹13,169 crore

NEW DELHI: Food Bajaj Auto on Tuesday said its consolidated net profit jumped by 8% to ₹2,196 crore for the third quarter ended December 31, 2024, on the back of robust exports.

The company had reported a net profit of ₹2,033 crore in the October-December quarter of last financial year.

Total revenue from operations was at ₹13,169 crore for the third quarter compared with ₹12,165 crore in the year-ago period, Bajaj Auto said in a regulatory filing.

The company said it sold a total of 12,24,472 units in the third quarter, a 2% increase over 12,00,997 units in the same period of last fiscal. Sales in the domestic market declined 9% year-on-year to ₹7,07,105 units as against 7,78,281 units in the year-ago period.

Exports, however, rose 22% year-on-year to 5,17,367 units from 4,22,716 units in the December quarter of last financial year.

The company said it has a robust balance sheet with surplus funds of more than ₹15,001 crore after having infused capital of nearly ₹1,600 crore in the financing subsidiary and executing a capex of ₹450 crore in the year to date.

Shares of the company ended 0.49 per cent up at ₹8,421.80 apiece on BSE. *ENS*

## Non-interest income boosts Union Bank net profit by 28.2% to ₹4,604 crore

MUMBAI: STATE-owned Union Bank of India on Tuesday reported a healthy set of numbers, with net income rising by 28.24% year-on-year to ₹4,604 crore, driven by higher non-interest income and improved asset quality, which cushioned a fall in net interest margin in the December quarter.

However, sequentially the lender's net profit declined 2.46% from ₹4,720 crore in the September quarter. The management of the city-based lender told reporters here on Tuesday that the bank's non-interest income which includes fees, commissions, treasury revenue, and recoveries, grew 17.02% to ₹4,417 crore while the key interest income rose 9.40% to ₹17,718 crore as its net interest margin fell 17 bps to 2.91% due to spike in cost of funds. Interest income rose 6.29% to ₹26,958 crore and interest expenses rose higher at 9.40% to ₹17,718 crore and the net interest income inched up 0.79% to ₹9,240 crore and non-interest income clipped at 17.11% to ₹4,417 crore. Better asset quality has the bank making 21.7% less provisions at ₹2,888 crore during the quarter. *ENS*

## TVS Motor net profit rises 20% to ₹609 crore, revenue from ops at ₹11,134.63 crore

NEW DELHI: TVS Motor Company on Tuesday reported a 20% rise in consolidated net profit to ₹609.35 crore in the December quarter, riding on higher sales. The company posted a consolidated net profit of ₹509.61 crore in the same quarter last fiscal, TVS Motor said in a regulatory filing.

Consolidated revenue from operations in the third quarter stood at ₹11,134.63 crore against ₹10,113.94 crore in the year-ago period, it added.

Total expenses in the October-December quarter were higher at ₹10,272.62 crore compared to ₹9,362.83 crore in the same period a year ago.

Overall two-wheeler and three-wheeler sales, including exports in the quarter, grew by 10% to 12.12 lakh units in the quarter ended December 2024 over 11.01 lakh units in the year-ago quarter, TVS Motor Co said. Motorcycle sales grew by 6 per cent to 5.56 lakh units from 5.23 lakh units in the quarter ended December 2023, it said, adding that scooter sales grew by 22 per cent to 4.93 lakh units against 4.04 lakh units sold a year ago. The company further said its three-wheeler sales in the quarter under review were 29,000 units compared to 38,000 units during the third quarter of FY24. "Electric scooter sales for the quarter ended December 2024 grew by 57 per cent to 76,000 units as against 48,000 units in the quarter ended December 2023," the company said. *ENS*

## RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDHYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

**NIB No. 35, 36 & 38/2024-25**

BIDs are invited in prescribed format from Bidders registered in appropriate class in RRVPNL as per enlistment rule/ A/AA class (As per RVPN Norms) in Central/ state Government Department and their undertakings in the O/o the Respective Executive Engineer (Civil) RVPN in NIT No. 35, 36 & 38/2024-25All information regarding BIDs are available on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.rvpn.co.in** and **http://sppp.raj.nic.in.** UBN :- VPN2425WSOB02738, VPN2425WSOB02740 to VPN2425WSOB02741(2), VPN2425WSOB02743 to VPN2425WSOB02745 (3), VPN2425WSOB02747 to VPN2425WSOB02749 (3), VPN2425WSOB02751 to VPN2425WSOB02752(2), VPN2425WSOB02754, VPN2425WSOB02756, VPN2425WSOB02759 to VPN2425WSOB02770(12), VPN2425WSOB02772 to VPN2425WSOB02783 (12)

Superintending Engineer (Civil), Jaipur

Raj.Samwad/C/24/10904 RRVPN/TR-6588/2025

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## S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

**Tender Notice No. : DRMENGGRNC-09-2025, Dated 28.01.2025.** Tender is invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), S.E.Railway, Ranchi for and on behalf of The President of India for the following work: **Name of work :** Construction of RCC overhead tank at Ranchi (100000 gallons) and Muri (50000 gallons) colony in lieu of existing overaged PS tanks. **Tender Value:** ₹ 3,09,83,495.79. **EMD value:** ₹ 3,04,900/-. **Tender Closing date & time:** 20.02.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Tenderers can visit the website **www.ireps. gov.in** for online tendering. PIN Code-834003. **(PR-1069)**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public is informed that, I Smt. GIRIJA BAI, W/o. Sri. Govinda Rao, # 20/1, 1st C Main, Behind Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-560072, Ph:8867141358, have lost/misplaced Original Lease cum Sale Agreement bearing Document No.1258/1982-83, dated 07-07-1982, Rectification Deed bearing No.3706/1982-83, dated 08-02-1983, Sale Deed bearing No. 4183/1984-85, dated 20-03-1985 and Transfer Agreement bearing No.2257/2000-01, dated 23-09-2000, in respect of Site No.175/13, BDA No.175, measuring 25.0 Feet X 30.0 Feet, situated at 7th C Main Road, RPC Layout, Bangalore. I have also lodged a Police Complaint bearing Lost Report No. 1444847/2025, dated 24-01-2025, before Karnataka State Police, Bangalore City. Founder inform at Phone: 8867141358.

## ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FIBER NET LIMITED

(An Enterprise of the Government of Andhra Pradesh)

3rd Floor, NTR Administrative Block, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NH-65, Vijayawada-520013, Andhra Pradesh.

**Notice No: APSFL / Recruitment /15/2025 Dt.29-01-2025**

A) APSFL here by announces to fill up the below mentioned positions. The applications received from Dated: 29-01-2025 to 13-02-2025

| S.No | RECRUITING POSITIONS | DEPARTMENT | No.of Positions |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chief Executive Officer (CEO) | AP Drones CorporationLtd | 1 |
| 2 | Public Relations Officer (PRO) | Andhra Pradesh State Fibernet Ltd | 1 |

**For Further details:**

Please visit **www.apsfl.in** for Job Description.

Please send your profile / Updated CV to E-Mail: **apsfl@ap.gov.in**

Profiles received through above mentioned E-Mail id will only be considered.

**Sd/- Managing Director**

DIPR No.3495PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.28/01/2025

## GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MANGALURU DIVISION MANGALURU

Ref :-PWD:MD:JE-2 :TND(36E):2024-25: Dated: 28.01.2025

**SHORTERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under K.P.P Portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTPP Act Indent No:18505 (Amount Put Tender is Rs.463.61 Lakhs) as per KW-4 **Under the Head Of Account:- 5054-03-101-0-02-132 Major District Roads & Bridges.** And Indent No: 15949 (Amount Put Tender is Rs.385.58 Lakhs) as per KW-4 **Under the Head Of Account:- 5054-03-337-0-17-154 State Highway Improvements. The Last date for reciept of tender: 04.02.2025 upto 16.00 Hours.**

Any Change in dates of events and value of work put to tender and EMD amount etc only can been seen from KPP-portal.

DIPR/MNG/KSMCA/1257/24-25 dt.28.01.2025

**Sd/- Executive Engineer**

## SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

**ICICI Bank** Branch Office : ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs) | Name of Branch |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Anish Baby/ Susan M Eappen/ LBBNG00002362041/ LBBNG00002362066 | Schedule 'A' (Description of The Entire Property Held By The Developers/ Vendor and M/s Celebrity Homes) All That Piece and Parcel of The Residentially Converted Land Bearing Survey No.81 Measuring About 1 Acre in Extent Situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, (vide Conversion Order Bearing No. ALNSR (A) 444 of 2004-2005 Dated 7-2-2005 Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District). Being Bounded on The East By :Road & Rajakaluve West By :Property Belonging To Chikkadya Vanna, Yellappa & Nanjappa & Property Bearing Survey No.86. North By :Remaining Portion of The Property in Survey No.81. South By : Property Belonging To Sri. Hanumantha & Doddaabbaiah Schedule 'B' (Description of The Undivided Property Hereby Conveyed) 452 Sft Undivided Share, Right, Title, Interest and Ownership Equivalent To Share in Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule 'C' (Description of The Apartment/ Flat Constructed By The Purchasers Through The Developers/vendor) All That Piece and Parcel of 2 Bedroom Apartment/Flat With Distinctive Number Flat No. B-210. in The First Floor of B-Block of The Apartment Building Complex Known As "Richmond Pride" Having A Super Built Up Area of 1250 Sq. Ft. With Covered Car Parking Space Bearing Flat No. B-210, Together With Proportionate Undivided Share of 452 Sft of The Total Area Which Works Out To Approximately Along With Proportionate Share in The Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Lift, and Staircase Contained Within The Apartment Building Being Constructed on The Schedule-A Property. The Above Apartment is Demarcated as Per Attached Plan. The Said Apartment Shall Have, Teakwood/Other Internal Doors Shall Be Flush Typed Doors With Hardwood Frames and Powder Coated Aluminum Sliding Windows and Other Specifications As Mentioned in The Joint Development Agreement Dtd. 14-8-2009. East By :Flat No B-209 West By : Flat No B-211 North By : Shed Back South By :Corridor/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/23/01/2025. | 23.09.2024 Rs. 22,09,997.31/- | Bangalore |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: January 29, 2025
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
## CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP HAL Airport Road, Bengaluru - 560 017
(Phone: 080 25084184, 4156)

**BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE**

| Sl.No | Description | Details | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of Work | Shed for Mechanical Fabrication Facility in MSA at ISITE Campus, URSC Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037 (Civil Works). | Alternate Road with Gate for Spacecraft Movement at URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017 (Civil Works). | Contract for carrying out structural steel works at Main Campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017. | Annual Contract for Carrying out Physio-chemical and Bacteriological tests for potable water, waste water and treated effluents at Main Campus URSC, Health Centre (Jeevan Bhima Nagar), KV NAL School Vimanapura, ISITE Campus URSC Marathahalli, ISRO Guest House at Devanahalli and DOS/ISRO Housing Colonies at Jeevan Bhima Nagar, Domlur, Indiranagar, New Land & Old Land, CISF Quarters & Barracks at Indiranagar and Marathahalli, Bengaluru. |
| 2 | E-Tender Notice No. | URSC/C&MG/C/TN/37/ 2024-25 dated: 24.01.2025 | URSC/C&MG/C/TN/38/ 2024-25 dated: 24.01.2025 | URSC/C&MG/C/TN/39/ 2024-25 dated:24.01.2025 | URSC/C&MG/C/TN/40/2024-25 Dated : 24.01.2025 |
| 3 | Estimated cost put to tender | ₹ 21.90 Lakhs | ₹ 23.95 Lakhs | ₹ 5.35 Lakhs | ₹ 16.90 Lakhs |
| 4 | Tender Document details | E-Tender | | | |
| 5 | Period of completion | FIVE MONTHS | FIVE MONTHS | FIVE MONTHS | TWELVE MONTHS |
| 6 | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | ₹ 43,800/- | ₹ 47,900/- | ₹ 10,700/- | ₹ 33,800/- |
| 7 | Period during which the tender document can be downloaded. | From 09.30 hrs on 27.01.2025 to 16.30 hrs on 03.02.2025 | | From 09.30 hrs on 28.01.2025 to 16.30 hrs on 10.02.2025 | |
| 8 | Bid Clarification | From 10.30 hrs on 28.01.2025 to 17.00 hrs on 04.02.2025 | | From 10.30 hrs on 29.01.2025 to 17.00 hrs on 11.02.2025 | |
| 9 | Last date of reply of Bid Clarification | Upto 17.00 hrs on 05.02.2025 | | Upto 17.00 hrs on 12.02.2025 | |
| 10 | Last date and time for receipt of tenders | Upto 14.30 hrs on 06.02.2025 | | Upto 14.30 hrs on 13.02.2025 | |
| 11 | Due date and time of opening of tenders | 14.30 hrs Onwards on 06.02.2025 | | 14.30 hrs Onwards on 13.02.2025 | |

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.

**Sd/-, Group Director, C&MG**

## Karnataka Bank Ltd.

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**Asset Recovery Management Branch,**
1st Floor, FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009.
**Phone: 080-22955928(Gen)/22955929(AGM)**
**E-Mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com**
**Website: https://karnatakabank.com**
**CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128**

## MEGA E-AUCTION
## NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 15.02.2025

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 15.02.2025** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

**The details are as under:** Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **14.02.2025 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No. | Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs | Possession Date Possession Type | Description of the Property/ies | Reserve Price (Rs.) | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. | Auction Time | Incremental Value of the Bid | Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **(1) M/s Sri Soubhagyalakshmi Films, Represented by its Proprietrix : Mrs. Shobha Rajanna, (2) Mrs. Shobha Rajanna,** W/o Mr. Rajanna G, **No.1 & 2 are addressed at :** #25/5, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, K.G Nagar, Bengaluru-560019, **(3) Mrs. Gowramma,** W/o Mr. Jayaram, **Addressed at :** 4/4, R.K Mutt Layout, 3rd Cross, K.G Nagar, Gavipuram, Bengaluru-560019, **(4) Mrs. Jayamma G,** W/o Mr. Narasimha Murthy N, **Addressed at :** No.51, 2nd Cross, Near Shanimahatma Temple, R.K Mutt Layout, K.G Nagar, Gavipuram, Bengaluru-560019, **(5) Mrs. Lakshmamma,** W/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.5, Near Shanimahatma Temple, Kempegowda Nagara, Bengaluru-560018, **(6) Mr. Rajanna G,** S/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.67, 14th Cross, Muneshwar Nagara, Ullal Main Road, Bengaluru-560056, **(7) Mr.Ramesh G,** S/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.51, R.K Layout, K.G Nagar, Bengaluru-560019, **(8) Mr. Sathish G,** S/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.51, 2nd Cross, Opposite Shaneshwara Temple Road, R.K Layout, K.G Nagar, Bengaluru – 560019.<br>**Loan A/c Nos.:**<br>**(1) PDPN A/c No.9707001400000601**<br>**(2) PDPN A/c No.9707001400000701** | **Total Rs. 1,74,54,347.60**<br>**[ (1) Rs.1,39,45,253.68 11.01.2025 + (2) Rs.35,09,093.92 11.01.2025]** | **28.03.2023**<br>**Constructive** | All that part and parcel of southern portion of the property bearing **Site No.51, PID No.49-38-51, measuring 654.50 Sq.ft** as per document [East to West-(26+18)/2 feet, North to South-(29.5 +30)/2 feet ] , **617.00 Sq.ft** as per physical measurement, with Residential Building constructed thereon, situated at Old BBMP Ward No.49, New BBMP Ward No.142, Kempegowda Nagar, Ramakrishna Mutt Layout, Bengaluru, mortgaged by **Mrs. Lakshmamma, Mr. Rajanna G, Mrs. Gowramma, Mr. Ramesh G , Mr. Sathish G and Mrs. Jayamma G. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Road, **West :** Site No.50, **North :** Remaining portion of same property No.51, **South :** Road.<br>**Property Location : Latitude & Longitude : 12.950525, 77.564815** | **Rs. 84,33,500/-** | **Rs. 8,43,350/-** | **2.20 P.M to 2.40 P.M** | **Rs. 50,000/-** | **Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Bull Temple Road A/c No: 9703500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000970** |
| 2 | **(1) Mrs. Jagadishwari S,** W/o Mr. B.V. Vijayakumar, **(2) Mr. B.V. Vijayakumar,** S/o B.R. Venkatesh, **Both are addressed at :** No.26, 8th Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru – 560023.<br>**Loan A/c No.:**<br>**PSTL A/c No.0547001800117901** | **Rs. 19,22,425.76**<br>**08.01.2025** | **21.01.2025**<br>**Physical** | All that part and parcel of Residential **Flat No.006,** comprising of 2 BHK, in ground floor of **'S.R. SERENE HOMES'** Apartment, having Super built up area of **1067 Sq.ft** along with **588 Sq.ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest in land, with one covered car parking space in stilt, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lift, lobbies, staircase, constructed on converted land bearing **Survey No.60/3**, presently bearing **BBMP Khata No.65,** situated at 3rd Cross Road, Kanakagiri Layout, Kalkere Main Road, Banjara Layout, Horamavu Agara Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru-560043, belonging to Mrs. Jagadishwari S and Mr. B.V. Vijayakumar. **Boundaries of property as per Documents : East :** 3rd Cross Road, **West :** Remaining land of Sampathrajkumar Naidu, **North :** Private Property, **South:** Remaining land of **Sampathrajkumar Naidu. Boundaries of Flat : East :** Open Space & Flat No.005, **West :** Open Space & then Flat No.007, **North :** Corridor/Entrance, **South :** Open to Sky.<br>**Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.039446, 77.663532** | **Rs. 60,00,000/-** | **Rs. 6,00,000/-** | **10.30 AM to 10.50 AM** | **Rs. 50,000/-** | **Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Industrial Finance A/c No: 0543500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000054** |
| 3 | **(1) Mr. L Ravikumar,** S/o Mr. S. V. Lakshmi Narayan, **(2) Mrs. Sujatha R,** W/o Mr. L Ravikumar, **Both are R/at :** V R Gokulam Apartment, Flat No.322, 3rd Floor, A-Block, Kannurhalli, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru-562114,<br>**Loan A/c No.:**<br>**1) PSTL A/c No. 9547001800001601**<br>**2) TL No. 9547001600006601** | **Rs.43,70,428.19**<br>**[(1) Rs. 39,93,328.14 09.01.2025**<br>**(2) Rs. 3,77,100.05 30.12.2024 ]** | **16.04.2024 & Physical** | All that part and parcel of **Residential Property bearing Flat No.322,** 3rd Floor, Block 'A' in the Apartment namely "V R Gokulam Apartment" having SUB with 965 sq.ft., and UDS with 424.6 sq.ft. in the land, together with one covered car parking space situated at old Sy.No.146 and New Sy.No.146/2, of Kannurhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District-562114, **belonging to Mr.L Ravikumar and Mrs.Sujatha R. Boundaries of Property: East by :** Land in Sy.No.147, **West by:** Kannurahalli Road, **North by :** Halla/Road, **South by:** Land in Sy.No.146/1. **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Open to sky, **West by :** Wide corridor and Flat No.320, **North by:** Open to Sky, **South by:** Flat No.323.<br>**Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.06399 N, 77.80337 E** | **Rs. 42,53,000/-** | **Rs. 4,25,300/-** | **3.45 PM to 4.05 PM** | **Rs. 50,000/-** | **Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Anandapura A/c No: 9543500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000954** |
| 4 | **(1) M/s Sri Bhavith Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor: Mr.Renuka Prasad S.R., Addressed at:** No.11, Somapura, Kengeri Hobli, Vidyapeetha Post, Banashankari 6th Stage, Bengaluru-560060, **(2) Mr.Renuka Prasad S.R,** S/o Rudrappa S, **(3) Mrs.Vedavathi S,** W/o Renuka Prasad S.R. Both **No.2 & No.3 are addressed at:** No.2052, 3rd Floor, 10th Cross, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560040.<br>**Loan A/c No.:**<br>**PSOD A/c No.0627000600108401** | **Rs. 74,11,335.25**<br>**01.01.2025** | **18.04.2024**<br>**Constructive** | **Item No.1:** All that part and parcel of the Residential property bearing Khatha **No.44/71/13** (Old No.71/13 and prior to that 12/13), being the western portion of the property bearing Old Khatha No.71/13, measuring 1015 sq.ft.[East to West-29 feet and North to South -35 feet], with buidling constructed thereon, situated at Somapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr.Renuka Prasad S.R. Boundaries of property as per Document:- East :** Property of S.R.Gangadharappa, **West :** Property of sons of Chikkarevanna, **North :** Property of Mr.Renuka Prasad S.R.bearing Khatha No.45/72/13A, **South :** Road.<br>**Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 12.877832, 77.497036** | **Rs. 52,00,000/-** | **Rs. 5,20,000/-** | **10.45 AM to 11.00 AM** | **Rs. 50,000/-** | **Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Minerva Circle A/c No: 0623500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000062** |
| | | | | **Item No.2:** All that part and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Khatha **No.45/72/13A** (Old No.72/13A and prior to that 12/13A), being the western portion of the property bearing Old Khatha No.72/13A, measuring 1450.00 Sq.ft. [East to West-29 ft, North to South -50 ft], situated at Somapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr.Renuka Prasad S.R. Boundaries of property as per Document:- East :** Property of S.R.Gangadharappa, **West** : Property of sons of Chikkarevanna, **North** : Property of Mr.Ramaswamy, **South :** Property of Mr.Renuka Prasad S.R.<br>**Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 12.877832, 77.497036** | **Rs.65,00,000/-** | **Rs.6,50,000/-** | **11.00 AM to 11.15 AM** | **Rs. 50,000/-** | |

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

**(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).**

**For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Auction Notice".**

The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **15.02.2025** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **14.02.2025**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD** ( Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, **Contact No. :** 8885035382, E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

**Date : 27.01.2025**
**Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

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**ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

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| 03 | ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ | 21–02–2025 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆ |
| 04 | ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ | 22–02–2025 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16.15 ಘಂಟೆ |
| 05 | ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ಸಮಯ | 03–03–2025 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16.30 ಘಂಟೆ |

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**SALE NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLES**

**E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest ( Enforcement) Rule, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/chargedto the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India** ( secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is basis "** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

**1. Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrowers: 1) Mr. Raja Ramar** S/o Ramar **2) Mrs. Kantha Ramar** W/o Raja Ramar **Both are residing at:** No-38, 2nd Cross, Gowdanapalya Subramanyapura, Bangalore-560061, **3) Mr. Ekambaram** R/o No-131, Chikka Gowdanapalya Post Bangalore -560061

**Amount due : Rs.30,71,552/-/-** ( Rupees Thirty Lakh Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Two Only) as on **27.01.2025** plus interest, costs and incidental charges.

**Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No-38 PID No-55-637-44 Situated at Kadirenahalli village, Uttarahalli hobli Bangalore-560078, measuring east to west 29 feet and north to south 40 feet and bounded by: East: Property of S Pandian, West: Property of G R Basavaraj, North: Property of factor, South: Road.

**Reserve Price : Rs. 1,05,45,000/-**
**(Rupees One Crore Five Lakh Forty Five Thousand Only)**
**EMD: Rs. 10,54,500/-**
**(Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Only)**

**2.Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1. Mr. Chandra Sekhar C** S/o Mr. Chikka Biddappa, **2. Mrs. Sunitha HR** W/o Mr. Chandrasekhar C. Both are Residing at No.249, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Singasandra, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore-560068.

**Amount due: Rs.21,38,772/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two Only) plus interest, costs and incidental charges.

**Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold:** All that piece and parcel of property situated at Site No.3/6, Katha No.3/6 at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and measuring East to West 39.5 feet and North to South 25.5 feet totally measuring 1007.25 Sq Feet bounded on: East by: Property of Pillanna, West by: Property of Venkatesh, North by: Property of Pilla Reddy, South by: Road.

**Reserve Price : Rs. 90,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Lakhs only)**
**EMD: Rs. 9,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs only)**

**Date and time of E-Auction: 14.02.2025 between 12.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**
**(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)**
**Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction.**
**E-auction website: https://baanknet.com**

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://baank.com**
The online E-auction will be held through website: **https://baank.com**
**For auction related queries e-mail to UBIN0816591@unionbankofindia.bank or Contact No: 9653616591.**

**Date: 28.01.2025**
**Place: Bangalore**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer Union Bank of India.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the Undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **BACHAMMA, D/o Late. Venkatappa and others** has filed petition for death certificate of petitioner Father **Venkatappa S/o late. Belluti Bachanna @ Bachappa was died on 20/12/1967** at Devanayakanahalli Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, father of the petitioners If any parties who have objections with regard to issue of death certificate can appear before the Hon'ble 1st Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli **on 12/3/2025 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc. No.48/2025.**

**By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli**

**T.K. SAVITRAMMA, Advocate**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petitioner has filed the petition for Death Certificate of deceased **Narayanamma W/o. Late, R. Narayanappa**, at #103, Ward #17th, Gurappana Mala Road, Vijayapura Town, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562135 The said **Narayanamma died on, 15.08.2020.** If any of the parties who have Objections or Claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the 2nd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli on date of hearing **on 20/03/2025, at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No.52/2025.**

**By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli**

**Ramachandra C.D., Advocate**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **Mr. Pothapu Keshava Reddy**, S/o.Mr. P. Reddeppa Reddy is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Site No. 76, Property No. 74, Situated at Vijinapura @ Kothur Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,, Now comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bangalore,; Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet,; and bounded on; East by: Site No. 75, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 77 and South by: B.Narayanapura Yelle, our client has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 23/11/1988, Registered as Document No. 10913/1988-89, Volume-2990, Book-1, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk., pertaining to the said property.

In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original document, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address **within 7 days** of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original document.

**SOMASHEKHARA A.N**, Advocate
No. 105, 3rd Floor, MR Mansion,
12th 'D' Main Road, Muthyalanagar,
Bengaluru-560 054

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **Mr. B.P. Pramod**, S/o.Mr. B.D. Prassana, is the absolute owner of the Property bearing House List No. 22, Khatha No. 2, Situated at Naganathapura Village, Beguru Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bangalore,; Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet,; and bounded on; East by: Property No. 25, West by: Road, North by: Property No. 23 and South by: Property No. 21, our client has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 04/07/1998, Registered as Document No. 2373/1998-99, Book-1, in the Office of the Photo Registrar, Bangalore South., pertaining to the said property.

In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original document, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address **within 7 days** of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original document.

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### IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C. AT NELAMANGALA

**Cmis.No. 438/2024**

**PETITIONER: 2. SRI. VENUGOPAL .M.E**, S/o Late Eshwarachar, aged about 55 years, Residing at T. Begur, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District -562123. **2. SRI. B.K. HARISH**, S/o Late Krishnachar, aged about 49 years, Residing at Rajappa Layout, Nelamangala, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District -562123. -V/s-

**RESPONDENT: THE TAHASILDAR**, Nelamangala Taluk

**SUMMONS U/S 13 (3) OF THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTH AND DEATHS ACT-1969**

We, SRI.VENUGOPAL.M.E. S/o Late Eshwarachar, Aged about 55 years, and SRI.B.K.HARISH S/o Late Krishnachar, Aged about 49 years, Residing at Above Adress, applied for issue of death certificate of my Grandfather namely **Muniyachar** S/o Late Muttachar was expired on 25.08.1974 at T. Begur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District -562123 for registered the above said date and issue the death certificate before this Hon'ble court, any interested person or public are invited for any objection before this Hon'ble court regarding the above said case on **15-02-2025 at 11-00 AM**, by person or through pleader, in case of fail this Hon'ble court will heard and determined in their absence and placing exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court on this 20-12-2024

By order of Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala

Advocate for Petitioner: **Sri. Nagendra .B**,
#44, Lakkappanahalli Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli
Nelamangala Taluk- 562132

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**e-TENDER NOTICE**

**Rc. No.0011/PA/2025**

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| 1 | Procurement of Polypropylene Polymer chair with solid back and without arm as per sample specification. |
| 2 | Procurement of HDPE moulded 45" dia round top as per sample specification. |
| 3 | Procurement of ERW CR Pipes as per IS:4923 (Various sizes and thickness). |
| 4 | Procurement of 60mm Dia 16G MS pipes as per IS:3601 |
| 5 | Procurement of adjustable Bushes (as per sample specification) |
| 6 | Procurement of 0.6mm Flexi Laminate sheets and Balancing Laminate Sheets as per IS:2046. |
| 7 | Labour Contract for fabrication and assembly of Frame and Leg to HDPE Round Table with consumables (as per sample specification). |
| 8 | Labour Contract for Fabrication of Modular Dual Desk of Various sizes including fixing of Laminate Sheet with one side post forming and PVC edge band along with fixing of top with consumables (as per sample specification) with delivery charges as per **Schedule-A.** |
| 9 | Transport Contract for the delivery of Round Tables and Polypropylene Polymer Chairs. |

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DIPR/319/Tender/2025

**Principal Secretary/
Chairman and Managing Director**

## BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BANGALORE RURAL, AT BANGALORE

**R.A. No. 49/2023**

**BETWEEN: 1. M/S PRERANA ESTATES AND PROJECTS**, REGD. OFFICE AT NO. 389/1, 7TH MAIN, JAYANAGAR, 5TH BLOCK, BANGALORE-560041. REP. BY ITS PARTNER SRI. S.N. SOMASHEKAR.... **APPELLANT No.1**

**2. M/S DAFFODIL PROPERTIES**, REGD. OFFICE AT NO. 389/1, 7TH MAIN, JAYANAGAR 5TH BLOCK, BANGALORE-560041. REP. BY ITS PARTNER SRI. S.N. SRINIVAS.... **APPELLANT No.2**

**AND: SRI. J. AMULRAJ**, S/O M. JOSEPH, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, R/AT BASAVANAPURA VILLAGE, BANNERGHATTA ROAD, BANGALORE - 560083.... **RESPONDENT**

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT IN TERMS OF ORDER V RULE 20(1A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908**

WHEREAS, the Appellants above named have preferred this appeal seeking to set aside the order and judgment dated 28/02/2023 passed in O.S.No.979/2009 and other consequential reliefs. Hence, the above mentioned Respondent is hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and file his objections if any to the said appeal on **27/02/2025** at **11:00 A.M**, failing which the matter will be heard and determined in his absence.

**SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site no.3, formed out of converted land bearing Survey No.34, measuring East to West 62 X 36/2 feet and North to South 50 feet, in all measuring 2450 square feet, together with existing compound wall and 1 square A.C. sheet watchman shed situated at Kalena Agrahara village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, bounded on the: **EAST BY : 30 FEET ROAD, WEST BY:** PRIVATE PROPERTY, **NORTH BY:** TEMPLE, **SOUTH BY:** SITE NO.4

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 20/01/2025

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil judge Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bengaluru

Advocate for Appellant: **H.S. VIVEKANANDA**, Advocate

**M/s. VIVEK ASSOCIATES**
No. 99/21/1, 2nd Floor, 8th C Main Road,
Jayanagar 4th Block, Bengaluru-560011

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **I, Sri.MADHAVA BHAT K.** S/o.Late.Sri.Gopala Krishna Bhat, executed a Sale Agreement dated 17/8/2016 in favour of Sri. Venkatadri Naidu and Sri.Jayaram C and Sale agreement dated 30/7/2018 in favour of Sri. Narayanaswamy and Others and also executed General power of Attorney dated 30/1/2021 in favour of Basavaraju in respect of Survey No.181 measruing 4-00 acres situated at B.M.Kaval, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. The said sale agreements dated 17/8/2016, 30/7/2018 and GPA dated 30/1/2021 are stand cancelled. The said Venkatadri Naidu, Jayaram C and Basavaraju have no right to deal with the said property. Now The Said Sri.MADHAVA BHAT K. S/o.Late.Sri.Gopala Krishna Bhat, intended to sell his land bearing Sy.No. No. 181 measruing 4-00 acres situated at B.M.Kaval, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk to the intended purchasers.

It is hereby notified to the general public that if anybody having any claims, interest, right, title, or interest over the schedule property or encumbrance whatsoever nature or objecting to such sale, should write to the undersigned **within 7 days** of issuance of this public notice, with all documentary proof, after which period my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s whatsoever in nature with regard to the Schedule property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All the Piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No. No. 181 measruing 4-00 acres situated at B.M.Kaval, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, and bounded on:

East by : Portion of Sy.No.181/1 belongs to Nagaraj
West by : Sy.No.34
North by : Remaining portion of Sy.No. 181/1
South by : Sy.No.185.

**SRI. MADHAVA BHAT**
S/o. Gopala Krishna Bhat, R/at No.10, SSD Paradise, Kathariguppe,
Bengaluru-560 085. Mobile: 7019557362.

## KARNATAKA STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

"Ugrana Bhavan", No. 43, Primrose Road, Bengaluru-560025.
Ph: 080-23415649, mdkswc2018@gmail.com, kswc.karnataka.gov.in,
Fax: 080-23415672

**No. KSWC/COM-4/ Notification-23/2302 /2024-25 Date: 28.01.2025**

### NOTIFICATION

The corporation is offering storage space on lock & key basis to store agriculture produce, raw /processed materials/ manufactured/ consumer/ industrial/ medical goods on short /long term basis. Interested parties may visit **kswc.karnataka.gov.in** or Warehouse Managers/Regional Managers and obtain application/documents. Filled application in sealed cover may be submitted to Managing Director to the above address on or before **10.02.2025**. For more information please contact No:9148511919, 8277070838 or this office, Warehouse Manager/ Regional Manager.

DIPR/CP/4634/Zen/2024-25

**Sd/-
Managing Director, KSWC**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

## NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION
## STATE HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY

Arogya Soudha, 1st floor, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-23
Phone No: 080-23295103 email id: **pdrch-hfws@karnataka.gov.in**

**No: LWSTC/NTEP/STDC/07/2024-25 (E- 1389168) Date: 28/01/2025**
**NHM/2024-25/IIND0025 |CALL-2**

### TENDER THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT

**"For Supply of Laboratory Equipment"**

National Health Mission invites tender from Manufacturers /Authorized Dealer with necessary documents for supply of laboratory equipment under NTEP program.

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender document can be downloaded through "e-procurement portal" from **28/01/2025** onwards and last date for receipt of tender is on or before **15/02/2025 at 05.30pm.**

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from 11:00am to 05:30pm.

DIPR/CP/4635/Zen/2024-25

**Sd/-
Project Director (RCH)**

### NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS AT MADRAS SAPPERS INSTITUTE, MADRAS ENGINEER GROUP & CENTRE, BENGALURU-560042

1. Officer-in-Charge, Non-CSD, Madras Engineer Group & Centre, Bengaluru-42 invities applications for allotment of various regimental shops on rental basis at this Intitute. Shops would be allotted to highest bidder based on under mentioned priority in descending order:-
   (a) War widows/ widows of def personnel killed while on duty.
   (b) Disabled Soldiers.
   (c) Ex-Servicemen.
   (d) Spouse/widow of Ex-Servicemen.
2. Details of shop & sequence of auction are as under:-

| Ser No | Shop No | Category of Shop | Plinth Area (in Mtr) |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | 5 | (Uniform & Kit Accessories), (Bakery, Snacks, Sweet & Amul Products) & (Mobile Phone & Accessories) | 5.70 x 2.70 |
| (b) | 9 | | 3.57 x 2.70 |
| (c) | 12 | | 4.17 x 4.17 |
| (d) | 13 | Army General Store | 4.17 x 4.20 |

3. Application form (at no cost) may be obtained from Office of Non CSD, MEG & Centre or Main Gate, MEG & Centre as per following details :-
   (a) Issue of application from 29 Jan 2025 to 27Feb 2025 (from 0900hrs to 1700hrs).
   (b) Date of receipt of application from 29 Jan 2025 to 27Feb 2025 (upto 1100hrs).
4. Auction of shops will be carried out on 27Feb 2025 by 1130hrs at Non CSD,MEG & Centre.
5. Detailed instructions on eligibility and terms and conditions be read carefully before applying.

## HDB Financial Services Ltd.

HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES

Registered office:- Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009.
Contact Address:- HDB Financial Services Limited., No.195/38, 1st Floor HDFC Building, 10th Cross Road, HDFC Building Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560027, and also at: HDB Financial Services Limited., Zenith House, Opposite Race Course, Mahalakshmi, Mumbai-400034.

### DEMAND NOTICE
### PUBLICATION OF NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

Notice is hereby given that the under mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) who have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the Overdraft facilities obtained by them from the Bank and whose facility account has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on their last known addresses but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

| Sl. No. | Loan Account No. & Product | Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Mortgagors | O/s. As per 13(2) Notice | NPA Date | Notice Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 6667937 & 13866732 | **1. Geetha K.K.**, No.73/6, 14th Main, 8th E Cross, RPC Layout, Vinayanagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560040, Karnataka. And also at: New Site No.6, Site No.73, 14th New Site No.6, Site No.73, 14th "F" Main Layout, Vijayanagar, Attiguppe, Bangalore-560040. And Also at: No.296/CS, Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 5th Block, Ullal Main Road, Near Vajreshwari Theater, Bangalore-560056. **2. Avinash V.**, No.73/6, 14th Main, 8th E Cross, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore, Bangalore-560040, Karnataka. | Rs. 28,78,321.99 | 02.01.2025 | 14.01.2025 |
| | | **SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES-I:-** All that Piece and Parcel of the Propety Bearing No.73, New Municipal No.6,3-A Main Road, in the layout formed by Chamarajpet Art Silk Handloom Weavers and Exporters Association at Kempapura Agrahara, Corporation Division No.36 New Ward No.40, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 40 Feet. **Boundaries: North:** Road, **South:** Site No.77 and 78, **East:** Site No.72, **West:** Site No.74 | | | |

The above borrowers and /or their guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) (wherever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of said 60 days under sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act.

Further more, this is to bring to your attention that under Section 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date: 29-01-2025, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer, HDB Financial Services Ltd.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. R.V.SUBBA REDDY.** Managing Director of M/s.Trifecta Projects Private Limited, having its office at 13th Floor, "Trifecta Adatto", Survey Nos.66/2 & 67/1, Whitefield Main Road, Garudacharapalya, Mahadevapura Post, Opposite to Bescom Office, Bangalore-560 048. Karnataka, having been lost/misplaced the Original Document of title pertaining to the sale deed dated 24/08/2002, registered No.7482/2002-03, Book-1, registered before the Office of Sub Registrar, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore, in respect of the property bearing Survey Number.24/5, measuring 05 Guntas, situated at Jyohtipura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, the Lost report having been issued by the Bangalore City Police, in Lost Report No.1451108/2025, dated 28/01/2025, the above public Notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed within **7 days** failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.

**KCS Associates**, Advocates,
Flat No.G-1, Sai Smaran Apartment,
1st Main Road, Pailayout, Bengaluru-560016.
Mobile No.9242323824 / 8884404415.

## LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

LIC HFL LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

### POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

| Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date | Demand Notice Date | Notice Amount | Description of the Property |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ms. Rama Govind Naik & Mr. Uday Ramaray Naik, Loan A/c No. 410600005317 Symbolic Possession taken on 25/01/2025 | 24/06/2024 | Rs. 2148883.00 | Description of the property :Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being the residentially converted land now bearing B.M.P Khata No.2, H.M.T Main Road, Ward No.1, Yesawanthapura, Bangalore - 560022, (Comprised earlier in Survey No.47 & 48 measuring 28 Acres 3 Guntas respectively in Peenya Village, Yesawanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore) totally measuring 34 acres 27 guntas in extent or 1,40,443.75 Sq.mtrs., bounded on: East by:Public Road leading from Tumkur Road to Research and Development Division of H.M.T Ltd. West by: Private Houses in Peenya Village as well as Industrial Area of Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board. North by: Pipe line Road dividing this schedule Property from the Factory premises of Bharat Fritz Warner Ltd., located in Sy.No.49 and South by: Premises of Indian Plywood Research Institute as well as some private houses in Peenya Village. Schedule 'B' Property: All that piece and parcel of Schedule 'A' Property excluding the area which is earmarked for Park, open space, civic amenities, internal roads and path ways, club house, the details of such area mentioned as hereunder: Total area of Schedule 'A' Property - 1,40,443.75 SQ.Mtrs., Area to be excluded from the above Park, Open Space - 21056.36 Sq.Mtrs., Civic Amenities - 14143.71 Sq.Mtrs., Internal Roads and path ways - 35200.07 Sq.Mtrs., Club House - 1173.0 Sq.Mtrs., Schedule 'C' Property (Now being sold under this Deed) Residential Apartment / Flat constructed over a portion of Schedule 'A' property bearing No.03 on Eleventh Floor in A Block measuring 1280 Sq.ft., of super built up area together with proportionate 179.2 Sq.ft., of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land exclusively identified with the afore said block there to with One Car Parking Area in the Group Housing Enclave known as " PLATINUM CITY', (The undivided share in land related to the subject flat/apartment is determined only after taking into consideration of the land covered beneath the concerned "A" block of the building where the residential Flat / apartment is situated and the setback area allowed to the said block including podium) The residential Apartment / Flat is constructed with R.C.C Roof, Cement Plastered Hollow Block Walls, Mosaic / Vitrified Flooring, Plywood Doors and Aluminium Windows. |
| Mr. Bikash Barik Loan A/c No. 411900012281 Symbolic Possession taken on 25/01/2025 | 20/03/2024 | Rs. 7781910.00 | Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of theimmovable property bearing Converted Sy.No.50/1, an extent of 0-33 Guntas, Sy No.50/3 an extent of 0-12 Guntas, Sy No.50/8, an extent of 0-17 Guntas, Sy No.50/9A an extent of 0-08 Guntas, Sy No.50/9B an extent of 0-07 Guntas, Sy No.50/10 an extent of 0-30 Guntas, [initially converted for Hi-Tech Purposes Vide order No.ALN(E.K.H.W)SR 52/210-11, dated 07/04/2011, later the same are changed for residential purposes vide Change of Land use bearing Order No.BDA/TPM/CLU-365/1112/2622/2012-13, dated 08/08/2012, issued by the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority] totally measuring an extent of 2 Acres 27 Guntas, BBMP Khata no.669 and Sy No.50/2, an extent of 0-13 Guntas, [converted for Non-Agricultural Residentail Purposes vide order No.ALN(E.K.H.W) SR 53/2012-13, dated 17/08/2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) BBMP Khata No.678 and both the parties are adjoining to one and another totally measuring 3 (Three) Acres or 1,30,680 Sq.feet, Present amalgamated BBMP Khata No.669, situated at Whitefield Village, K.R.PuramHobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently East Taluk, earlier within the Jurisdiction of CMC Mahadevapura, presently under the jurisdiction of BBMP, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or above the surface and bounded on: East by: Property bearing Sy Nos50/16 & 50/11; West by: Property bearing Sy No.50/7 &Nellrahalli Boundary; North by: Property belongs to Subbegowda; South by:Road. Schedule "B : 399.04 Sq.ft, undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above. Schedule "C" : Flat bearing No.003, in the Ground Floor, of "D" Block in Segment - II of the building known as "BM GLORIETTA", totally measuring 1258 Sq.feet super built up area, containing Two Bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, along with One Covered Car Parking Space at Basement, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, lift and other amenities, etc., in the multi storied residential apartment known as "BM GLORIETTA" CONSTRUCTED OVER Schedule "A' Property. |
| Ms. Sowmya A Loan A/c No. 411900013702 Symbolic Possession taken on 25/01/2025 | 22/08/2024 | Rs. 3135335.00 | Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing New BBMP No.17A, PID NO.94-16-17A, (formerly bearing Khata No.868, property No.353, Vacant Site No.76, Assessment No.1116/1), situated at 10th Cross, Lingarajpuram, Bangalore – 560084, totally measuring 30'-0" feet North to South: 54'-0" feet in all totally measuring an extent of 1620 Sq.Ft., and bounded on: East by: Private Property West by: Road North by: Road South by: Private property. Schedule 'B' Property : 162 sq.ft., of undivided share of Land out of 1620 Sq.ft, in Schedule A Property , Property presently comes under the limit of New BBMP No.17A, PID No.94-16-17A, (formerly bearing Khata No.868, property No.353, Vacant Site No.76, Assessment No.1116/1), situated at 10th Cross, Lingarajpuram Village, KasbaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Schedule 'C' Property (To be Conveyed Property) Flat bearing New Municipal No.17A/1, (Old Flat No.002) a 2 BHK flat in Ground Floor, situated at building called "SARWARI GLITZ" measuring 810 Sq.feet of super built up area, carpet area of 703 Sq.ft. to be constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, as per the specifications mentioned below together. This residential Flat No.002 is located above stilt called as Ground Floor. On the North of the flat is Flat No.001 and West Side of the flat is road facing, whereas South of the flat and East side of the flat is a Private property. |
| Mr. B Suresh and Mr. Srinath R M (Gurantor) Loan A/c No. 411900012940 411900010835 411900008378 Symbolic Possession taken on 25/01/2025 | 24/10/2024 | Rs. 57,55,464.85 6,91,781.57 12,14,533.24 | Schedule 'A' Property : All the piece and parcel of the Residential Propety Bearing Bangalore Development Authority Site No.6C-315, Presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.6C-315, PID.No.88-255-6c-315, measuring East to West 15.25 Meters and North to South 24.40 meters, totally measuring 372.10 Sq.Mtrs, or 4005.2844 Sq.feet, situated at 6th Cross Road, Old Madras Banaswadi Road (OMBR) Layout, Bangalore, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever here under whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: Site No.6C-317; West by:Site No.6C-313; North by :Site No.8CA-316; South by :6th Cross Road Schedule 'B' Property : 401 Square Feet Undivided right, title and interest in the immovable Property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above(proportionate to built up area). Schedule 'C' Property : Flat No.301, in the Third Floor, measuring 1833 Sq.feet super built up area, consisting of Three Bedrooms, with exclusive right to use One Covered Car Park space in the Basement, together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircases and other areas of common use,including the floors,ceiling and walls between apartments jointly belonging to such other Apartment Owners, in the Apartment building known as "ENSURE ONYX", with limited access for ingress and egress to the area above the Lift head room and the area where solar water heater/s are fixed along with the Overhead Tank for the purpose of maintenance effecting repairs, changes etc. |

Place: Bangalore
Date: 29.01.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

## Canara Bank — Regional Office West

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Chitrapur Bhavan, 8th Main, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055.

**(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)**

### SALE NOTICE

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / movable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical (Strike whichever is not applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Regional Office West, Bengaluru** of the **Canara Bank**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** on **13.02.2025 at 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM** for recovery of below mentioned amount.

**E-AUCTION DATE: 13.02.2025**

**Borrower(s): (1) M/s. SLN CNC Tech Pvt Ltd,** No.8, 9th Cross, Rajagopalnagar Main Road, Ganapathi Nagar, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560058, **(2) Mr. Mahalingappa Boothe Gowda,** No.11, 2nd C Cross, AGBG 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru Karnataka-560086. **(3) Mr. Muddenahally Virupaksharadhya Ashoka** S/o Sri M.B. Virupaksharaddhya, 2, 6th Cross, Nagadevanhalli, Jnanbharathi Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560056. **(4) Mrs. M.V.Suma,** At Panchanahalli, Kadur, Karnataka-577182. **(5) Mr. Shiva Prasad J.M.** No.63, 4th Block, 4th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, MLA Layout, Bengaluru-560094. **(5A) Mr. Shiva Prasad J M,** No.3, Takt Mallige, 60 Feet Road, 4th Cross, 5th Main, New Boopasandra, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094. **(6) Mrs. Umadevamma** W/o B. R. Shivanna, No.42, 9th Main Road, 4th Cross, Near Central Library, Hampinagara, Bengaluru-560040, Karnataka.

**Total liabilities: Rs. 14,70,10,825.32** (Rupees Fourteen Crores Seventy Lakhs Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Five Rupees and Thirty Two Paise Only) as on **27.01.2025** and interest and other charges thereon from **28.01.2025.**

**Reserve Price: Rs. 12,62,60,400/- Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 126.26 Lakhs.** Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: **11.02.2025 up to 4.00 PM.**

**Details of Property/ies:** All that piece and parcel of the House Property Site No.63, New Municipal No.63, BBMP PID No.100-760-63, situated at Rajmahal Vilas, 2nd Stage, 4th Block Extension 4th Cross, Dollars Colony, M.L.A Layout, Bengaluru-560094 in the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 80 Feet in all measuring 444.44 Square Yards or 4,000 Square Feet, together with residential building constructed thereon in the name of Mr. J.M.Shivaprasad and bounded on the: East by: Site No.62, West by: Site No.64, North by: Site No.59, South by: Road.

**Known encumbrances, if any:** Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

**For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, e-mail id: roblrwrec@canarabank.com, cb2454@canarabank.com, Mob No. 7411509379/ 7022192698/ 9108480891, OR the service provider BAANKNET, Website: https://baanknet.com (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bangalore (Contact No.8291220220) E-mail: Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com** may be contacted during office hours on any working day.

**Date : 28.01.2025
Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Dr. Prashanth.S.Murthy** has informed me that he has lost the original Sale deed dated 12-3-1992 bearing Document No.5080/1991-92, Pages 89-91, Volume No.226 of Book-I, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore, pertaining to property bearing Site No.42, House list No.42, old Katha No.581/L, Present BBMP Katha No.313/17/6/42, PID No.1970388747, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet total measuring 2400 sq.ft, formed out of Sy.No.17/6 of Kodigehalli village, situated at 1st Cross, Shanthivana, Sahakarnagar Post, Bengaluru-560092. Public are hereby informed that any person having any right/claim over the said document or over the said property in any manner may lodge their claim/objection, if any, in writing **within 7 days** hereof or the finder may also return the same to the undersigned, as otherwise it will be treated and presumed that there are no claims/objections from any person.

**K. SOMASEKHAR REDDY,** Advocate
No.1, 1st Floor, M.C.Plaza, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Ganganagar,
Bangalore-560 032. Date:28-01-2025

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client/s intends to purchase the House property bearing No. 26, (Old No. 7) (a portion of property bearing No. 7, still earlier No. 11/A prior to that Site No. 116), situated at Sri Rama Mandir Road, Basavanagudi, Ward No. 50, V.V.Puram, Bangalore – 560 004, as mentioned in Schedule Property belonging to the vendor Smt. Shobha R Agadi, W/o. Sri. Rajkumar M Agadi, aged about 64 years, having title to the Schedule Property concerned as per the documents verified.

Any person/s or Government/Private Organization or financial institutions asserting any rights, title, interest, charge on the Schedule Property or any part, having any claims against the Schedule Property or against the vendor to such sale in favour of my client/s should write to the undersigned **within seven (7) days** from issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof/s on which they are basing and asserting their rights over the Schedule Property or any part thereof after which period my client/s shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of entire House Property No. 26 (Old No. 7) (a portion of property bearing No. 7, still earlier No. 11/A prior to that Site No. 116), situated at Sri Rama Mandir Road, Basavanagudi, Ward No. 50, V.V.Puram, Bangalore – 560 004, measuring East to West: 65 ½ ft and North to South: 30 ft, totally measuring 1965 Sq. ft., with building comprising of Ground and First Floor and bounded on the: **East by** : Property No. 26/1, **West by** : Sri Ram Mandir Road, **North by** : Property No. 25, **South by** : Kanakanapalya Road.

**SWATHI N,** ADVOCATE,
No.334/A, 9th Main, 2nd Cross, Hanumanthnagar,
Bangalore – 560 019, M: 9986954186

## Bank of India — E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI

Bengaluru Zone : # 11, 1st Floor, K. G. Road, Bengaluru-09.
T.: 080-2295 9407 / 08 | E.: bengaluru.ARD@bankofindia.co.in
AssetRecovery.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.

| Sl. No | Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s) | Description of Immovable Property With Known Encumberances | Branch Name Account No; Total Dues | Date & Time of E-Auction | Reserve Price EMD Amount | Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical) | Property Inspection Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **1) M/s Frequency Productions Prop: Prashanth Kumar K** No. 20, 2nd Floor, Harikiran Apartments, 6th Main Road, 6th Cross, Near Harake Hanuman Temple, Banshankari, 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085 **2) Prashanth Kumar K** Old Kaneshumari No. 94/1 (Western Portion) New Muncipal No 1/8, Mysore Road, A Cross, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560026 **Prashanth Kumar K,** No. 28, 2nd A Cross, Srinivasanagar, Kathriguppe Main Rd, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru -560085 | As per the Title Deed All that piece and parcel of the immovable property comprised of two adjacent portions i.e. First Portion consisting of an old house constructed on the site measuring East to West 12 Feet and North to South 65 Feet and Second portion of the same site consisting of house constructed on the site measuring East to West 47 Feet 06 Inches and north to South 32 Feet, the building totally measuring about 1800 Square Feet, built on and including the Site on which it is built. with both the portions in all measuring 2303.2 Square Feet (as per deed) and 2274 sqft (asper actual), being western part of earlier property bearing Khaneshmari No.94/1, Byatarayanapura Village, Bangalore now bearing common New Municipal No. 1/8, BBMP PID No 41-2-1/8, situated on Mysore Road 'A' Cross, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru, coming within the limits of Ward No. 41, Gali Anjaneya Temple of BBMP, together with all civic amenities. The property is owned by Mr. Prashanth Kumar K. The **boundaries of the property: East By :** Ashram Road **West By :** Drainage and thereafter Private Property, **North By :** Property belongs to Varadappa and Jayaram, **South By:** Property belongs to Varadappa | **Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** **A/C No: 840275110000342, 840230110000132 , 840265910000006 & 840270410000045 for recovery of Rs.94,29,854.42** (Rupees Ninety four Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four and Paisa Forty Two) with Further interest and charges | 15-02-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs.1,25,00,000/- **EMD :** Rs.12,50,000/- | Physical | 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 9850477529 |
| | | | **Note : As per the Valuation report the Total extent of the plot is 2274.00 Sq.ft. *The area of the property as per Valuation report is less than 29.20 Sq.ft with that of the area mentioned in the Sale Deed. The Value of the property as per the valuation report dated 12-12-2024 is taken for fixation of Reserve price and no valuation is made for the excess area of land appearing in the sale deed** | | | | |
| 2. | **1) Mr. Prathap K C** No-9, Behind Rajanna Flour Mill, Kanaka Nagar, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560078 **Mr. Prathap K C,** No 6/2 ,1st floor, Padma Palace, Plot no 6, Ward no 111, Bride street, Langford town , Bengaluru Karnataka-560025 **2) Mrs. Hemavathi N** No-9, Behind Rajanna Flour Mill, Kanaka Nagar, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560078 **Mrs. Hemavathi N,** No 6/2 ,1st floor, Padma Palace, Plot no 6, Ward no 111, Bride street, Langford town , Bengaluru Karnataka-560025 | All the piece and parcel of Residential apartment "Padma palace" Bearing municipal NO 6/2 on the Northern side of the first floor, having 1400 sq. ft of super built up area (1250 sq. ft build-up area) and 454 sq. ft undivided shared built on the property bearing plot no.6 (Previously eastern portion of plot no.6) Situated at Bride Street Langford Town, Bengaluru-560025 **Bounded by: East by:** Private Property **West by:** Common passage to ingress and egress and property belonging to legal Heirs of Late Chithra Sukumar **North by:** Property bearing NO.6/1 belonging to Sri Prithvi Jayasurya **South by:** Private Property | **Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** **A/C No: 842475110000142 for recovery of Rs.1,63,00,447/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty-Three Lakhs Four Hundred Forty Seven) for account number 842475110000142 compounded with monthly rests from 29-10-2023 with costs and other charges | 15-02-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs.1,43,10,000/- **EMD :** Rs.14,31,000/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 9850477529 |
| 3. | **1) Mr. Venkatesh K Acharya** No.95 7th Main Road, Ramnajaneya Nagar, Hanuman Hills Layout, Vasanthapura, Uttarahalli Bangalore- 560061 **Mr. Venkatesh K Acharya,** Flat No.8, Third floor, North Block, "Eshwari Enclave" Corp No.45, 8th A Cross, Kanakanagar, Bangalore- 560032 | Residential property in the name of Venkatesh K Acharya bearing Flat No-8, measuring 1292 sq.ft as Super Built Area, situated at 3rd Floor, North Block, "Eshwari Enclave", Corporation No 45, PID no: 96-310-45 (Formerly being portion of Survey No 28/4, Vishwanatha Nagenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), 8th A Cross, Kanakanagar, Ward No-96, Hebbal, Bangalore. The **Boundaries of the Property: East by -** Private property **West by -** Road and Retained portion to the extent of 167x50 ft **North by -** Private Property **South by -** Private Property The **Boundaries of the flat East by -** Lift **West by -** Flat No-7 **North by -** Main Door **South by -** Open Space | **Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** **A/C No: 840475110000351 for recovery of Rs.49,50,512.09** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Paisa Zero Nine) with interest from 29.03.2018 @8.60% per annum monthly rests with costs and other charges | 15-02-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | **Reserve price:** Rs.40,00,000/- **EMD :** Rs.4,00,000/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 9850477529 |

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website https://BAANKNET.com For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.BAANKNET.com or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. Date & Time of E-auction: **15-02-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

**Date : 28-01-2025
Place: Bangalore**

**Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**

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(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ)
ನಿಗಮ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಖರೀದಿ ಶಾಖೆ,
ಚಾವಿಸನಿನಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು

**CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED**
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, Procurement Section,
CESC, Mysuru-570017.
Telephone No: 9448994705
Website: www.cescmysore.org
E-mail ID: gmpurc@cescmysore.org
Company Identity Number(CIN): U40109KA2004SGC035177
CESC/GM(P)/DGM(P)/AGM-(P-2)/2024-25/26825 Date: 27.01.2025

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)**

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for Supply of T&P and Safety Materials as follows.

| Sl. No | Tender Name | Tender Enquiry No/ Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Supply of T&P and Safety Materials to O&M Mysuru Circle jurisdiction. | C2-6031/27-01-2025 |
| 2 | Supply of T&P and Safety Materials to O&M Mandya Circle jurisdiction. | C2-6032/27-01-2025 |
| 3 | Supply of T&P and Safety Materials to O&M Hassan Circle jurisdiction. | C2-6033/27-01-2025 |
| 4 | Supply of T&P and Safety Materials to O&M Chamarajanagara-Kodagu Circle jurisdiction. | C2-6034/27-01-2025 |

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after **27-01-2025** For clarification contact help desk **+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777** or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com**.
**For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912**
DIPR/DDMYS/1187/KSMCA//2024-25 **Sd/- General Manager (Procurement), CESC, Mysuru.**

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**IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-87)**
**COM O.S NO. 1170/2024**

**Between :**
**M/s Bank of India, having its Head office at 'Star House', C-5, G-block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and, having a branch office at Somapura Branch and Zonal office at Bank of India Building, K.G.Road, Branch, Bengaluru, Represented by its Manager and Authorized Signatory, Ms. Bhavna Arjariya, Daughter of Lal Arjariya, aged about 32 years. ...Plaintiff**
**And:**
**Nagaraju K.G. ...Defendant**
**SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC**
**Defendant:**
**AND**
**Mr. Nagaraju K.G.,** S/o Gopala, Aged about 30 Years, R/at No.110, Weavers Colony, Pipeline Road, Srinagar, Near Maruthi Cicle, Bangalore-560050., PAN No.- ARJPN1527F
**Permanent Address:** Boppegowdanapura Hobali, Malavalli Taluk, Kyathanahalli, Buhalli, Mandya-571463.
Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs.5,75,989.32/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Nine and Thirty Two Paise only),** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXXXVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-87), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **18.02.2025 at 11:00 A.M** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the **25th day of January 2025 at Bangalore.**

**By order of the Court,**
**Assistant Registrar,**
**Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru.**

**Advocate for Plaintiff**
**B.S.Jeevan Kumar, Vidhii Partners, Advocates No. 701, Queens Corner 'A'. # 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru-01.**

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**BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED**
(Wholly owned by Government of Karnataka undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

**BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)**

BESCOM invites tenders through e-procurement platform from eligible Bidders for the Enquiry No.: BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT313 for **"Maintenance of LT AB Cable Network of South Circle area, BMASZ, BESCOM for a period of One Year under Total Turnkey Basis".**
**Bid Documents available:** 29.01.2025. **Last date for Bid Submission:** 27.02.2025, 17:00 Hrs. **Opening of Bid Document:** 28.02.2025, 17:15 Hrs.
The Tenders can be obtained through KPP portal web-site http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Aspiring Bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with KPP help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777) or email at support@eprochelpdesk.com.

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**Sd/-**
**Chief General Manager (Ele.,), Procurement, BESCOM**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the Present Owner of the Schedule Property, Sri.A.Ravishankar has lost the Original Sale Agreement dated 29.06.2015 entered between Sri.V Nagesh with Sri.Rajendra S.A, which was registered at the office of the sub-registrar, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru as Document No.YPR-1-01983/2015-16, Stored in CD No.YPRD117, Book-I., Original Supplementary Agreement dated 20.02.2016, which was registered at the office of the sub-registrar, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru as Document No.YPR-1-07770/2015-16, Stored in CD No.YPRD128, Book-I and Original SPA executed by Sri.Rajendra S A in favour of Sri.Narasimhamurthy Y.M.
Now, Sri.A.Ravishankar is the present owner planning to sell the schedule property. If any person coming across the above Original Sale Agreement dated 29.06.2015, Original Supplementary Agreement dated 20.02.2016 and Original SPA shall immediately handover the same to the undersigned. If any person, who has/have claim on the schedule property, may lodge such claim with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice. If no such claim(s) or objections received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue certificate of clearance that, there is no objections or claim(s) on the schedule property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the property **bearing Site No. 224, Municipal No.16, New Property No.17/16/224/34, New E-PID No.4632214762, (Old PID No. 18-34-16),** in the layout formed by KHB, situated at EWS in KHB colony, 1st Stage, 5th Cross Road, Bengaluru, presently under BBMP Limits, **New Ward No.101, Old Ward No.18,** measuring east to west 20 feet and north to south 45 feet, along with constructed building thereon and bounded on :-
East by : House No.225, West by : House No.223, North by : House No.205, South by : Road.

**GOWRI PRADEEP,** Advocate
# 69, Shree Nilaya, 8th Main, S.K. Layout, Jnana Jyothi Nagar, Bangalore-560056.
Ph No. 9886814698, 8147294698
Place : Bengaluru Date : 28.01.2025

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that **Sri. Munivelu .S,** S/o. Subramani K. is intending to purchase the property from Sri Rangaraju Y. S/o H.S. Yoganarashima and Smt. Priyanka Rangaraju, any person/s objecting for the said purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims whatsoever along with documentary proof **within 07 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate, failing which, our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Residential Property bearing Vacant Site No.32, Old Khatha No.28/3, New Khatha No.28/1, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40 feet, North to South:30 feet totally measuring 1200 square feet and bounded on: East by: BDA Property, West by: Road, Norty by:Site No.33, South by:Site No.31.

**KANNA .C,** Advocate
No. B-3, Ambica Kunj Building, Basement Floor, Near J.P. Nagar Sub-Registrar Office, Konanakunte, Amruthanagar Main Road, Bangalore-560062.
Mob: 7975416951, 9886244914

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform that, I, **S R Sreedevi** W/o Madhu Rao Address : #2869, "Anagha" 1st Main, Chamundipuram Mysore - 570004 intending to purchase the Schedule Property from Sri. S. Shankar Reddy, Aged about 60 years, S/o. Late. Subbarayappa, Residing at No. 1821, 13th Cross, 24th Main, 1st Sector, H.S.R. Layout, Bengaluru - 560 102, who is the absolute owners in possession of the same. Whereas, the present public notice has been issued calling upon the general public that, if any person/s have any right in respect of the Schedule Property then, they shall notify us **within 15 days** in writing from the date of publication of this notice, with respect to their right, title and interest over the same, along with documents. Further, any claim which is not received within 15 days then, it is presumed that, no such claim is there over the Schedule Property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the vacant property bearing BDA Site No. 1554/A, presently comes under the limits of Bruath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 174, BBMP Property No. 4409/1554/A, measuring East to West (9.10 + 10.15)/2 Meters and North to South (12.15 + 12.25)/2 Meters, in all measuring 117.42 square Meters, situated at Second (2nd) Sector, (carved out of Survey Nos. 22/3C & 3B of Haralukunte Village), Hosur Sarjapura Road Layout, Bengaluru, and bounded on:
**East by** : Site No. 1554, **West by** : Site No. 1556,
**North by** : Road, **South by** : Site Nos. 1567 & 1568.

**S R Sreedevi**
Address : #2869, "Anagha" 1st Main
Chamundipuram Mysore 570004
Contact no : 9481856256/7019250149

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**HDFC BANK LIMITED**

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Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
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Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) | Outstanding Dues | Date of Demand Notice | Date of Possession | Description of The Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Mrs. Saranya Ashok J (Borrower) Mr. Ashok Kumar M B (Co-Borrower)** | **Loan A/c No: 638957997 Rs.76,57,914/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Forteen Only) as on 31.12.2023** | **19.01.2024** | **28.01.2025** | <u>Schedule A:</u> All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Survey No. 57/4** (Municipal No. 29/57/4), measuring 3 Acres 36 Guntas, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the: **East by :** Property of Sri. Krishnappa, presently Bangalore Development Authority; **West by :** Remaining portion of Survey No.57/4 of Krishnappa, presently owned by H.K.Shakunthala, presently Bangalore Development Authority; **North by :** Kanchi Varadappa's land and Hanumanthadevara inamthi land, Presently water drain and Bangalore Development Authority; **South by :** Private Property. <u>**Schedule B:**</u> **An 695 Sq. feet** of undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property, more fully described in the Schedule 'B' hereto, and A Three Bedroom Apartment bearing **No. 802, 8th Floor, Block Jade,** to be constructed on the portion of the Schedule 'A' Property having a Carpet area of 1,618.15 Square Feet (PRM/KA/R ERA/1251/ 310/PR/180917/002010) forming part of the Project named and styled as **"MAANGLAYA PROSPER SIGNATURE BLOCK"** bounded on the: **East by :** Lobby, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Flat No. J 803, **South by :** Open Space. |
| 2 | **Mr. Manoj Murlidhar Borse (Borrower) and Mrs. Manisha Manoj Borse (Co-Borrower)** | **Loan A/c No: 363769025 Rs.25,13,569/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Nine Only) as on 31.08.2024** | **23.09.2024** | **28.01.2025** | <u>**Schedule A Property:**</u> **Item No.1:** All that piece and portion of the immovable property being residentially converted land bearing Survey **No.86,** situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring an extent of 16 ½ (sixteen & half) Guntas and bounded on the: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Sy.No.85, **North by :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.86, **South by :** Road formed by Kristal. <u>**Item No.2:**</u> All that piece and portion of the immovable property being residentially converted land bearing **Survey No.86**, situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring an extent of 13 (thirteen) Guntas and bounded on the: **East by :** Government Road, **West by :** Sy.No.85, **North by :** Remaining Portion of Sy .No.86, **South by :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.86. <u>**Item No.3:**</u> All that piece and portion of the immovable property being residentially converted land bearing **Survey No.85,** situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring an extent of 21 (twenty one) Guntas and bounded on the:**East by :** Sy.No.86, **West by :** Land bearing Sy.No.84, **North by :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.85, **South by :** Road formed by Kristal. <u>**Item No.4:**</u> All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being residentially converted land bearing Survey No.84, situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring an extent of 1 (one) Acre 31 (thirty one) Guntas and bounded on the: **East by :** Sy.No.85, **West by :** Sy.No.83, **North by :** Sy.No.22/I, **South by :** 30 ft Road formed by Krystal Group in the same Sy.No.83 <u>**Item No.5:**</u> All that piece and portion of the immovable property being residentially converted land bearing **Survey No.83,** situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring an extent of 1 (one) Acre 29 (twenty nine) Guntas and bounded on the: **East by :** Sy.No.84, **West by** : Sy.No.82, **North by** : Sy.No.22/1, **South by** : 30ft Road formed by the Krystal Group The property falls under BBMP Limits bearing BBMP Khata No: 3186/2977/83, 84, 85 & 86, Kasavanahalli and 3187/2978/86. <u>**Schedule B Property:**</u> 0.312% undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule A Property measuring about 609.68 sq.ft has been sold to the PURCHASERS by the VENDOR under this deed of absolute sale and conveyance. <u>**Schedule C Property:**</u> Residential Apartment bearing **No.501** in Fifth Floor in Concert Block, measuring about **1717.07 sq.ft** of super built up area containing Three Bed Rooms together with proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, staircase comprised in the building complex constructed on the Schedule A Property known as **"H.M.SYMPHONY"** along with one Covered Car Parking area. (The said Apartment has RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Honne Flush Doors and Aluminium Windows) |
| 3 | **Mrs. Parvathamma Mother of Mr. Karnati Srinivas (Borrower) [since deceased], Mr. Karnati Linga Swamy Father of Mr. Karnati Srinivas (Borrower) [since deceased] and And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Karnati Srinivas (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Karnati Srinivas [since deceased]** | **Loan A/c Nos: (1) 659140059 Rs.26,51,974/- (2) 659140066 Rs.4,79,339/- Total Amount Rs.31,31,313/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirteen Only) as on 31.08.2024** | **24.09.2024** | **28.01.2025** | <u>**Schedule A Property: Item No.1:**</u> All the piece and parcel of the converted property bearing Survey **No.78/2,** measuring 1 acre situated at Iggalur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore South and bounded as follows: On the **East by :** Sri R Yellappa's land;On the **West by :** M. Yellappa S/o Mr. Patel Muniswamaiah; On the **North by :** Geetha property and On the **South by :** K N Surendra Reddy Property. <u>**Item No.2:**</u> All the piece and parcel of the converted property bearing Survey **No.78/3,** measuring 1 acre 23 guntas situated at Iggalur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as follows: On the **East by :** Sri Nanjappa's property; On the **West by:** Gomala land of Ramakrishnapura; On the **North by:** Remaining land in same sy no. 78/3 & Marasur Jayamma's Property, On the **South by:** Marasur Border Naganayakanahalli. <u>**Item No.3:**</u> All the piece and parcel of the converted property bearing Survey **No.78/3,** measuring 2 acres 26 guntas situated at Marsur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** Narayan Reddy S/o Motareddy & Yeradana halli Rudrachari property. On the **West by:** K N Suredra Reddy land, On the **North by :** Belur Venkattappa & Yeradana halli Rudrachari & Brhamachari property, On the **South by :**Ramachari's property. <u>**Item No.4:**</u> All the piece and parcel of the residential converted property bearing Survey **No.308** as per survey record Measuring 2 acres, 309/2 as per survey records Measuring 1 acre 5 guntas, and 311/1 (as per survey records 311/5 & 311/6 measuring I acre 13 guntas in all totally measuring **4 acres 18 guntas** all situated adjacent to each other forming a single block at Marsur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as follows: On the **East by :** Sai Prashanth Enclave, On the **West by :** Sy No. 311/4 & 312, On the **North by :** Iggalur village lands, On the **South by:** Sy No 310 & Sri T. Muniyappa's property. <u>**Item No.5:**</u> All the piece and parcel of the Residential site bearing **No. 7** katha no. 966 formed out in sy no. 308 Measuring 2720 sft East to west (35+33)/2 ft and North to South 80 ft situated in the layout formed in Sy No. 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 321/1, 326/1 at Marsur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as follows: On the **East by :** Site No. 6; On the **West by :** Part of Sy No. 308; On the **North by:** Part of Sy 78/3, On the **South by :** Site No. 8. <u>**Schedule B Property:**</u> North Facing, Apartment **No.1404** on the **Fourteenth Floor of 'C' Wing, Block "1"** of the residential apartment complex known as **"SIPANI ROYAL HERITAGE PHASE-I"** constructed upon Schedule A Property having 54.93 square mtrs of carpet area or **591 Square feet** and **81.28 Square Mtrs** of super built-up area or 875 Square feet consisting of 2 bed rooms, hall, kitchen, balconies and toilets, along with proportionate **26.29 square mtrs (283 Sq Ft)** of undivided share, title and interest in the land comprised in Schedule A Property, with **One Covered Car Parking Space** at the Basement/Ground level and proportionate interest in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts staircases and other common facilities, bearing khata PID No. 5123/4616/213/C-1404 and bounded on: **East :** Open to Sky, **West :** Flat No. C 1405, **North :** Entrance Door & Corridor, **South :** Open to Sky. |

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.
However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken **Symbolic** possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.
The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.
Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.
Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

**Date : 29.01.2025**
**Place : Bangalore**
**Sd/-Authorised Officer**
**HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

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**POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

| Sr. No. | Loan No. | Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor | 13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on | Date/ Time & Type of Possession |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 46989630000751 | 1) Mr. Narasimhamurthy H, 2) Mrs. Jayamma G | 07-11-2024 **Rs.3,80,767.38** (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven and Thirty Eight Paisa Only) **dues as on 05-11-2024** | Date: 27-01-2025 Time: 05:45 PM Symbolic Possession |
| | <u>Description of the Property:</u> All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Assessment No.226/296/2, E Katha No.150300300900320226, situated at Kodihalli Village comes within the Channadevi Agrahara Village Panchayath, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Measuring East to West: 5.0292 Meters, North to South: 16.764 Meters, Totally Measuring 84.31 Sq.mtrs. and **Bounded on the: East by:** Sandu, **West by:** Bylappa House, **North by:** Charandi, **South by:** Road. | | | |

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore Rural
Date: 29.01.2025
Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

**JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK** (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
<u>Registered Office:</u> **The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

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**IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 2nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT ENGALURU**
**L.A. No. 168/2019 (CCH-17)**

**Between : M.V. DODDAVEERAIAH** & OTHERS **...PETITIONER**
**And : SLAO, KHB** AT BENGALURU **...RESPONDENT**

**SUMMONS TO OBJECTOR No. 19, 20 & 23**
**19. Sri. Rajanna,** S/o Late. Chennigappa, Major Age, **20. Smt. Lakshmamma,** W/o Late. Nanjappa, Major Age, **23. Sri. Munirajanna,** S/o Late. Narayanappa, Major Age
All are residing at Machohalli Village, Vishwaneedam Post, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru 560091.
WHEREAS, the above Respondent has made a Reference under sec 77(1) of RFCTLA Act 2013 in the land acquisition case KHB/LAQ/5(25/1) 2010-11 in respect of Sy.No. 25/1 measuring 0-19 Guntas in Byalalu Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District vide Declaration No RD:204:bhu:Swa.Be: 2012, Dated 27-11-2012 The award amount has been deposited in the court.
You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above suit **on the 04-03-2025 at 11-00 A.M.** before the above said Court to answer the claim of Claimant.
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned above, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this the 25th day January 2025.

**By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.**
Advocate for Petitioner :
**ARVIND B PATIL,** Advocate
No.4803, 8th Floor, High Point-4, R C Road, Bengaluru-560001.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The General Public are hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Smt. SWETHA.S,** W/o R.Lokesh Babu, aged about 41 years, Residing at #58, M.G.R Paradise, Mahadevapura Village, Bangalore – 560048. If any person/s or Institution, Authority, etc., have got any right, title, claim and interest of whatsoever in nature on the Schedule Property, are hereby required to communicate the same along with supporting documents to me at my office within **Seven (07) Days** from this day. Otherwise, the Sale Transaction will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of Immovable residential building Property bearing Site No.17, Old PID Katha No.230, Katha No.221/1998-99, Old BBMP Katha No.230, present BBMP Katha No.270/223/17/202/2B, carved out of Property No.202/2B, situated at Gullappa Reddy Layout, Near Mahadevapura Ring Road Fly over, Mahadevapura Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 39 feet, totally measuring 1170 Sq.Feet, Constructed with RCC Framed, Ground Plus Two Floors, Totally 18 square building, with vitrified tiles. The property bounded in as follows: **East By:** Site No.18; **West By:** Site No.16; **North By:** 25 Feet Road, **South By:** B.Srinivasa Rao's Property

**Mr.N.RAMALINGA REDDY, M.A., LLB,**
Advocate, #91/1, II Floor, Versova Space, Above Domino's, Kaggadasapura Main Road, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore – 560093.
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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**ZILLA PANCHAYAT BELAGAVI**
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, CHIKODI**

**Kppp- SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**

**Email:preckdee@gmail.com** **Office Phone No: 08338-272131,**
**No.PRE/CKD/Db/kppp/2024-25/5299** **Date: 27-01-2025**

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, State, Item Rate (Technical bids and Financial bids through E-Mode), E-Bids are invited for the following works through standard tender document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 (Standard Tender Document) from the eligible Contractors, registered in P.R.E. Department, & with kppp registration Bangalore, on "turn-key", basis only.

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| 1) | Last date of request for issue of blank E-bid document through e-Procurment Date: Other works | 27-01-2025 To 10-02-2025 |
| 2) | Bid Closing & submission Date: Other works | 10-02-2025 AT 04:00 PM |
| 3) | Tender Opening Date: Other works | 12-02-2025 AT 11:00 AM |
| 4) | Pre Bid Meeting Date: [KW-3 Works Only] | 07-02-2025 AT 05:00 PM |
| 5) | Techanical Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 Works Only] | 12-02-2025 AT 11:00 AM |
| 6) | Financial Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 Works Only] | 14-02-2025 AT 11:00 AM |

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| **General Works Indent No's** | 12214, 12215, 12216, 11138, 12297, 12298, 12295, 12299, 12300, 11250, 10729, 11471, 10952, 7988, 7985, 7996, 7998, 11601 |
| **SC Works Indent No's** | 12459, 12292, 10589, 7051, 7164, |
| **ST Works Indent No's** | 12286, 12166, |
| **Category 1 Works Indent No's:** | 12172, |
| **Category 2A Works Indent No's:** | 12458, 12296, |

For further details, the agencies may contact the office of the undersigned, during office hours, or mayvisit web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

**Sd/-**
**Executive Engineer**
**P.R.E. Division, Chikodi.**
DIPO/BGM/RONO.1542/23-24

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

As per instructions of my clients, I hereby notify to the public that my clients, have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from **Mr. Shyam C. Menda,** aged about 49 years, S/o. Mr. Chatru K. Menda, No.34/1-4, Nanjappa Road, Opp. Nirmala Convent School, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560 027, AADHAAR NO.263044387116 and Pan No.AAPPM8541B. and further hereby notify to the Public that, if any person/s claiming any right, title or interest in respect of the Schedule Property, I requested to lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned within **Seven (7) days** in support of any documents on the Schedule Property and in that event, no objections and/or claims have not been received from any person/s, my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and subsequent objections will not be entitled and the same will not binding on my client in respect of the Schedule Property.

**SCHEDULE**

All Residential vacant Site bearing No.79, formed in Sy. Nos. 56, 57 & 60 of Bilekahalli, Sy.Nos.61, 71 & 72 of N.S. Palya, B.T.M Extension, presently bearing Municipal Khata No.48/48/79, situated in Dollars Colony, Bilekahalli,, Bengaluru in the records of Bruhat Bangalore mahanagara Palike and measuring East to West; 24.39Mtrs and North to South: 15.24 Mtrs, in all measuring 371.70 Sq. Mtrs and bounded as follows:
East by : Road;
West by : B.D.A.Land;
North by : Site No.78; and
South by : Site No.80.

**Sri. H. V. DEVARAJU,** Advocate,
**PRIDE PRISTINE LAW ASSOCIATES,**
A-202, "Brigade Magestic",
2nd Floor, 'A'Block, 25, Kalidasa Marga, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.
Mob: 9845823147.

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**SWARNABHARATHI SAHAKARA BANK N.,**
No.2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070. Ph. 080-26762629/30, 41122816

**TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE**
**AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.**

Whereas, **Mr. Nanjundaswamy A H,** No.1668, 1st Main, Sir M V Layout, 9th Main, Ullal Main Road, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560056, having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 84,49,793** (Rupees Eighty Four Lakh Forty Nine thousand Seven hundred & ninety Three only). due and payable by you as on **28.01.2025,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.
Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

**Description of the Property:** <u>**Schedule "A":**</u> In the possession of Nanjundaswamy A H the Southern Portion of Property No.1/E, (One bar E) situated at Malagalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now comes within the Jurisdictin of BBMP Ward No.127, (Mudalapalya) Bangalore. East: Road, West: Private Property, North: The Remaining Northern Portion of same property, South: Road. Measuring: East to West 52-0 feet, and North to South 46 ½ (Forty Six & half) feet,totally 2423.80 sq.ft.

| Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction | Reserve Price | EMD Amount |
|---|---|---|
| **28.02.2025 at 12.30 PM Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha No.2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070.** | **Rs.169,66,600/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty nine lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Only)** | **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs. 16,96,660/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Six hundred & Sixty Only)** |

**Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - (1)** The Tender form can be collected from **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha No. 2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070. (Ph. 080-26762629, 26762630)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft/ Banker's Cheque/ Pay Order drawn in favour of **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore- payable at Bangalore.** The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha Bangalore latest by 27.02.2025 before 5.00 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **12.30 PM on 28.02.2025. (8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **" AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and " AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(15)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(16)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers /Guarantors / Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.
For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha No. 2229, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No. (Ph. 080-26762629,26762630) E-Mail: swarnabharathisahakarabank688@yahoo.co.in**

**Date : 28.01.2025**
**Place: Bangalore**
**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Client **Mr. RAJA.G,** S/o Late Govindappa, aged about 65 years, residing at No.26, 4th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Avalahalli, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560026, is the sole and absolute owner of the immovable residential house property bearing Municipal No.12, BBMP PID No.41-66-12, situated at 4th Cross Road, Byatarayanapura Layout, Bengaluru, earlier Property No.12, Khatha No.35/3 of Avalahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Gali Anjaneya Temple Division, Ward No.157-Gali Anjaneya Swamy Temple, (Old BMP Ward No.41) Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 45 Feet, North to South: (39+33)/2 Feet, totally 1620 Square Feet together with RCC roofed building, and bounded on:- East by: Site No.5 West by: 30-0 Feet Road, North by: Site No.6, South by: C.Tholaram and Others Property.
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## *Trisha makes history with family watching on*

G Trisha became the first player to make a century at an U19 Women's T20 World Cup, hitting 110 not out as India beat Scotland by 150 runs. Trisha then added three wickets with the ball to cap a remarkable day, particularly with her family watching on at the Bayeumas Oval.

# Varun's fifer not enough as England get vital win

Spinner shines but visitors clinch 3rd T20I in Rajkot to stay in hunt

**GOMESH S** @ Chennai

India's Varun Chakaravarthy (L) celebrates a wicket on Tuesday | SPORTZPICS

WHEN Varun Chakravarthy was getting ready to finish his second over of the match at Rajkot, Jos Buttler and Ben Duckett had already laid the platform for a big total at the Niranjan Shah Stadium on Tuesday. It was the last ball of the ninth over and the scoreboard read 83/1.

While the rate at which England were going made it seem like even 200 might be sub par on this pitch, the first over of Varun had shown enough to know that it had something for the bowlers. Having been in tremendous form since his comeback, Varun had made Buttler and Duckett dance to his tunes in the last over of the powerplay. It saw England manage only three runs, finishing with 52/1 from the first six.

Here, once again, Varun was dictating terms despite the run rate. On 8.6, Buttler tried to disrupt, going for a reverse sweep, something he had done successfully earlier against Ravi Bishnoi. This time, however, it proved to be counterproductive. A slender bottom-edge, which Sanju Samson was sure of, meant the England captain took the long walk back. Although no one knew it for sure, that was the moment things turned away from England. Duckett fell shortly after his fifty to Axar Patel, Bishnoi cleaned up Harry Brook.

By the time Varun came back, England were 108/4 in 13 overs. Jamie Smith took Varun for a clean hit down the ground before trying a vertical heave through midwicket while being on his backfoot. The shortish delivery found the fielder. Next

Adil Rashid delivered a miserly spell of 1/15 to help England win | SPORTZPICS

ball, a quicker one that drifted under James Overton to smash the leg stumps. While Liam Livingstone was holding forte at one end while trying to keep up the run rate, the rest hit the self-destruct button. With just three balls left for Varun to complete his quota, instead of safely playing him out, Brydon Carse looked to sweep the spinner into the stands and fell. Jofra Archer was cleaned up two balls later by a beauty and Varun had his fifer — his second in the format as well as in the last three months. In the end, England finished with 171/9 in 20 overs. Despite the consistent show from Varun, the total proved to be enough as India fell short by 26 runs. They lost Sanju Samson early, but Suryakumar Yadav and Abhishek Sharma kept the chase going. However, just like Varun, legspinner Adil Rashid proved to be the game changer. He might not have five wickets to show, but Rashid removed Tilak Varma and finished his quota of four overs for just 1/15.

That Hardik Pandya went into a shell and India's move to hold back Dhruv Jurel did not help their case either. Washington Sundar struggled to get going and by the time he got out, the required run rate had gone up significantly. Pandya made 40 runs runs from 35 balls, but it was an onslaught that ended up being too little too late. Overton was England's best bowler, taking 3/23. **Brief scores:** England 171/9 in 20 ovs (Duckett 51, Livingstone 43; Hardik 2/33, Varun 5/24) **bt** India 146/9 in 20 ovs (Hardik 40; Overton 3/23, Carse 2/29).

# Modi reiterates Olympic ambitions

**ENS/AGENCIES** @ Dehradun

Artists perform during the Games Opening Ceremony | PTI

THE current dispensation will move heaven and earth to win the right to host the 2036 Olympics. This much was confirmed by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, during the Opening Ceremony of the 38th National Games. "We are pushing for hosting rights of the 2036 Olympics, it will take Indian sport to new heights," Modi, guest of honour, announced. This, of course, is not anything new. Ever since the Centre made its intentions clear in 2023, there have been periodical reminders about the ambition to become the first south Asian country to host the quadrennial bash.

"Olympics is not just a sporting event," Modi said. "Wherever Olympics happen, all sectors gain. it creates better facilities for athletes, it spurs construction, creates new connectivity, transport facilities and, most important of all, boosts tourism. "People from all over the world, including the athletes, will come down to India." While the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has sent a letter of intent to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), they are yet to decide on a host city or whether it will be a multi-city games. It's likely that the IOC will announce the venue next year. India will face immense competition from more than half-a-dozen countries including Saudi Arabia and Qatar, both of whom have expressed interest. "We consider sport an essential aspect in development of the country," Modi added. "India is becoming one of the biggest economies in the world and the sporting economy must have a share in this. The coaches, trainers, nutritionists, physiotherapists, doctors and equipment... all are part of this."

### 'Games more than a sporting event'

On the National Games itself, the PM said: "It is a great platform to showcase the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat (one India, best India)'. It is a celebration of India's rich diversity and unity. We are creating more and more opportunities for our athletes so they can enhance their potential to the fullest. We consider sports as a key driver for India's holistic development."

He also spoke about the various government schemes in operation like the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).

# Missing Games, Mirabai training for new category

**FIROZ MIRZA** @ Chennai

Mirabai Chanu

ANOTHER big name to miss the 2025 National Games will be Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu. She had competed at the 2023 Gujarat National Games but skipped the next edition in Goa. The 2017 world gold medallist was never supposed to compete in the Uttarakhand edition even as other big names like Achinta Sheuli, Shubham Todkar, Sanket Sargar, Bindyarani Devi are set to represent their respective states in the event.

Vijay Sharma, weightlifting head coach, will be at the Monal Hall, MPSC, Rajat Jayanti Khel Parisar in Dehradun when the competition begins on Thursday. But before heading to the venue, he has made sure that Mirabai start weight training ahead of the international season this year. "Mira started weight training earlier this month in Modinagar. It will go on till February end," Sharma told this daily. The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) had announced new set of weight categories in December last year and the same will be applicable from June 1. The change meant Mirabai has to adjust to new division which is 48kg instead of her pet 49kg. "The change seems minor but we have to take every aspect into consideration before reaching the final conclusion. We have to check her natural weight without reducing the body weight. It's not that simple. So her weight category for now is not decided," the coach added. However, one thing is sure and that is Mirabai's next international participation.

"As of now, she will compete at the Commonwealth Senior, Junior & Youth Championships scheduled in Ahmedabad from August 24 to 30 in Ahmedabad. After that if everything goes fine she will compete at the World Championships scheduled from October 3 to 12."

The star lifter seems to have time to finalise her weight category as the International Olympic Committee is likely to announce new Olympic weight categories in July.

### Green Games kicks off

A colourful but thematic — 'Green Games' — Ceremony launched the Games in Uttarakhand on Tuesday evening. The ceremony started with a performance of 'Tandav', a classical dance form that is an ode to Lord Shiva. The Games were declared open with blowing of 2025 conches to mark the year.

# Bumrah ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year

**AGENCIES** @ New Delhi

JASPRIT Bumrah feels honoured after winning the prestigious ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year award but team's success would always be his priority and he picked India's T20 World Cup triumph as his most cherished moment of 2024. Meanwhile, New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr won the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year award.

The 31-year-old was awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Award on Tuesday following a remarkable 2024, where he showcased "a master-class in skill, precision, and relentless consistency" across all formats. Bumrah's stellar performance earned him accolades, including the ICC Test Cricketer of the Year on Monday and a spot in the Test Team of the Year announced last week. "I feel really good. As a youngster, I have seen my childhood heroes winning this great award, so yeah, very happy to be at the 'receiving end'," Bumrah told broadcasters. "So winning the T20 World Cup was really special, and the memories that we made after that are going to be close to me forever," said Bumrah, who played a pivotal role in India's T20 World Cup campaign in the Americas, picking up 15 wickets at an astonishing average of 8.26 and an economy of just 4.17, leading India to the title. "So I will always pick us winning the T20 World Cup irst."

# Kohli trains with Delhi, set for Ranji comeback

**ENS/AGENCIES**

Virat Kohli during a training session in New Delhi on Tuesday | PTI

FORMER India captain Virat Kohli started training with the Delhi team at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Tuesday ahead of the Ranji Trophy clash against Railways that begins Thursday.

This tie will be Kohli's first Ranji game in 12 years when he last played for Delhi against Uttar Pradesh in Ghaziabad in 2012. He arrived at the venue sharp at 9am. Following the team huddle and some warm-up exercises, he proceeded to play football for about 15 minutes with his teammates. The practice drill was being monitored by Delhi head coach Sarandeep Singh.

Having been out of form since the century in Perth, Kohli did not play the previous round of Ranji games which saw most India internationals take part. On Monday, Kohli trained for a little over three and a half hours before having 'kadi chawal' with the team for lunch. He spent close to an hour at the nets. At first, he took throw-downs where he kept playing the pull shot. Once he had done enough knocking, Kohli entered the spinners' nets where he faced left-arm spinners Harsh Tyagi and Sumit Mathur. A few balls did grip and stop but there wasn't much bite in their bowling. Same was the case for pacers Navdeep Saini, Money Grewal, Rahul Gehlot and Siddhant Sharma. Unlike India nets, Kohli hardly looked troubled although he did practice leaving a lot of deliveries. With the Champions Trophy round the corner, Kohli was seen trying to play a lot beside the line of deliveries. Meanwhile, Kohli also met Kabir, son of Shavez, whom he had played U-17 and U-19 cricket with. Kabir had come with a 'Uncle Virat' potrait and had a candid conversation with Kohli. Apart from Kohli, KL Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Siraj are the India stars who will play the upcoming Ranji round for their respective teams. Rohit Sharma, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and Rishabh Pant — who played the previous round — will not take part.

# Jamshedpur win to go 3rd

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Chennai

JAMSHEDPUR FC recorded a 2-1 victory over Punjab FC in the Indian Super League at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Pratik Chaudhuri (41') and Javi Herandez (48') scored for the away side. The victory helped Jamshedpur overtake Bengaluru FC in the points table. Jamshedpur now occupy the third spot. Ezequiel scored for the home side to make the tie interesting but Jamshedpur held on to their slender lead to return with maximum points. Punjab, meanwhile, are now winless in seven consecutive games this season (2D, L5). They remain in ninth position in the standings with a tally of 20 points. They'll be hoping to end that streak in their next tie against Bengaluru FC.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Neymar & Al-Hilal agree to terminate contract

PARIS: Brazilian star Neymar on Monday ended his 18 month stay in Saudi Arabia as his club, Al-Hilal said they had "agreed to terminate the player's contract by mutual consent". "The club expresses its thanks and appreciation to Neymar for what he has provided throughout his career with Al-Hilal..."

### Bengaluru Jawans rally to beat Dilli Dillwale

NEW DELHI: Bengaluru Jawans delivered a thrilling comeback to secure a 3-2 victory over Dilli Dillwale on Day 5 of the World Pickleball League. Katerina Stewart's sensational performance earned her the Player of the Tie accolade, as Bengaluru bounced back from 1-2 down to seal the win.

### Bhamidipaty and Yamalapalli advance

PUNE: Indian wildcard players Sahaja Yamalapalli and Shrivalli Bhamidipaty advanced to the second round of the 75k ITF Women's Tennis Tournament here on Tuesday. Yamalapalli beat Japan's Naho Sato 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-3 at the Deccan Gymkhana Tennis Courts. Bhamidipaty beat USA's Alana Smith 6-1, 6-2.

### Anderson's fastest goal in vain as Toofans lose

ROURKELA: Jacob Anderson scored the fastest goal in the HIL history with a strike in the 20th second, but it went in vain as Hyderabad Toofans lost 1-3 to Team Gonasika in the shootout after the two sides were locked 3-3 in regulation time. Goalkeeper Oliver Payne made three saves for Gonasika in shootout.

# *Allardice steps down as ICC chief executive*

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Chennai

GEOFF Allardice, the chief executive of the International Cricket Council (ICC), decided to step down, the global cricketing body announced on Tuesday. Having joined the ICC in 2012 as ICC General Manager of Cricket, from Cricket Australia where he held the role of Cricket Operations Manager, Allardice was appointed as the ICC's CEO in November 2021, having previously served as the acting CEO for eight months.

"It has been a privilege to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the International Cricket Council and I am incredibly proud of the results we have achieved, from enhancing the global reach of cricket to the commercial foundation put in place for ICC Members," Allardice said in a statement released by the ICC. "I'd like to thank the ICC Chair, the board of directors and entire cricket community for their support and collaboration over the past 13 years. I believe this is the right time for me to step down and pursue new challenges," he added.

Allardice stepping down comes at a time when the preparation for the Champions Trophy has come under the lens. The global event hosted by Pakistan seemed to be in trouble until last year with no clarity where it will be played. In the end, a hybrid model was agreed with India, who refused to travel to Pakistan, playing all their matches in Dubai. Meanwhile, the venues in Pakistan are still not ready despite the deadline to hand over the stadiums closing in.

Last year, there was also the issue of ICC overspending during the Men's T20 World Cup in West Indies and United States. During the Annual General Meeting in Sri Lanka, the ICC confirmed that a review into the conduct of global event by a panel with three of its board directors — Roger Twose, Lawson Naidoo and Imran Khawaja — overseeing the review and submit findings.

# *D-Day for City & other CL hopefuls*

**The league phase of this season's Champions League is all set for a frantic conclusion on Wednesday. The likes of Manchester City and Paris Saint-Germain will be battling to avoid an early exit. A look at what is at stake...**

### Top 8 places up for grabs

There is a real incentive for finishing in the top eight places of the giant, 36-team standings — those sides will skip the two-legged knockout round play-offs next month, getting some precious rest as they advance straight to the last 16 in March. Liverpool and Barcelona are the only two teams to have already guaranteed a place in the last 16 after seven games in the league phase.

Liverpool's Dominik Szoboszlai (L) & Ibrahima Konate take part in a training session | AFP

Live on Sony Sports Network

### Who could be eliminated?

Reigning champs Real Madrid, last season's runners-up Borussia Dortmund, Bayern Munich and Juventus are all still hoping to clamber into the top eight, but are already guaranteed to at least be in February's play-off round. The biggest name under threat is Manchester City, with the 2023 champions currently languishing in 25th position, one place and two points outside the qualifying spots. The Premier League champions must beat last season's Belgian league winners at the Etihad to progress to the play-off stage. PSG's win at home to City eased their fears of being eliminated, although it could still happen — the French champions go to Stuttgart, where a draw will be enough to take both teams through.

### Fixtures

(all matches at 1:30 am):

PSV vs Liverpool; Bayern vs Slovan Bratislava; Dortmund vs Shakhtar; Leverkusen vs Sparta; Girona vs Arsenal; Barcelona vs Atalanta; Brest vs Real; Man City vs Club Brugge; Young Boys vs Crvena zvezda; LOSC vs Feyenoord; Juventus vs Benfica; Villa vs Celtic; Dinamo Zagreb vs Milan; Inter vs Monaco; SK Sturm Graz vs Leipzig; Salzburg vs Atletico; Sporting vs Bologna; Stuttgart vs PSG.

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**DAY'S DIARY**

## *The beauty awakens*

*Sleeping Beauty* released on this day in 1959. With a budget that exceeded $6 million, this was Walt Disney's most lavish animated feature to date

**AURORA EFFECT**

The film follows Princess Aurora, who is cursed by the evil fairy Maleficent to die before the sun sets on her 16th birthday by pricking her finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel

**WALT'S WORDS**

Disney registered it as a planned production title in 1950. "*Sleeping Beauty* is the most beautiful film we have ever made," said Walt in 1959

**MEDIEVAL MAGIC**

Disneyland was also being built then. Walt was insistent on having some medieval castle tower over the park, and act as an icon for Disneyland

Amitav Ghosh speaks to *CE* about his latest book

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East Asian expats in B'luru are gearing up to celebrate the Year of the Snake with great enthusiasm today

# Hiss-ing in the New Year

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

FOR 3,500 years since its origin in China, the Lunar New Year has been celebrated to mark the end of winter days and welcome warmer weather. Far from their home countries, Bengaluru's East Asian communities are gearing up to indulge in the festivities with family gatherings and delicious food.

"Lunar new year is very special, especially while growing up. The sense of festivities build up weeks before – We would hang up mostly red/gold coloured decorations around the house in anticipation. As a child, I looked forward to meeting my cousins, eating delicious food, playing with fireworks and the tradition of receiving red packets filled with money – given by married people to the unmarried, "

A traditional feast

Joonie Tan with her family

recalls Su Yin Ong, a Malaysian expat and pastry chef who is planning to travel home this year to celebrate with her extended family.

For Daniel Liao, the co-founder of Pretty Dan Good Salon and Academy and a chinese-origin Bengalurean who's lived here all his life, the Lunar New Year is a way of getting in touch with his roots. "It's all about keeping the culture alive, reuniting with family, showing respect to elders, and enjoying the vibrant dragon dances that remind us that good always triumphs over bad," he says. Joonie Tan, a Malaysian-Chinese expat and founder of the Malaysian eatery Kopitiam Lah, agrees. She says, "As a child, it was all about the celebrations, the food, and the fun. Now, it's about the deeper meaning – living in Bangalore has made me cherish Lunar New Year more, and I see it as a chance to reconnect with my roots and pass on these traditions to my son."

Some restaurants in the city, like Shangri-La, Vasanth Nagar, are trying to recreate the pomp of the festival with traditional activities and elaborate meals. "The Dragon would dance its way to bring you good fortune and health!" says Chef Xu De Qian, referring to a traditional dragon dance performed while wearing a dragon costume organised this year. Traditional dishes associated with the Lunar New Year will also be on offer. "I would be making a special Yusheng – this is a traditional Chinese practice during the New Years for our guests along with the Baby Suckling Pig which is our speciality. I'm also looking forward to serve my specialty of local lobster and blue crabs perfectly made the way my mother did," he says.

Traditionally, each year is ruled by one of the 12 animal zodiacs and one of the five elements. 2035 marks the year of the wooden snake, symbolising transformation, wisdom, and creativity,. Tan explains, "While we don't have specific customs tied to the zodiacs, it adds a layer of reflection to the celebrations. This year, I'll focus on incorporating the spirit of the wooden snake by embracing creativity and personal growth – whether it's trying something new in the kitchen or setting meaningful intentions for the year ahead. Celebrating these traits of each year adds depth and purpose to the festivities."

The zodiac is also important for match-making, adds Daniel Liao, recalling elders conspiring to match-make youngsters, "The fun part is watching the elders and the matchmakers work their magic. For example, wooden snakes are known for being precise, very cool headed, ambitious, and artistic so they're matched with the ox, monkey and rooster zodiac signs. It's all about finding the perfect balance," he says.

## Slurping Up Prosperity

The city is set to welcome the Lunar New Year with traditional festive flavours

XIN Nian Kuai Le! As the Year of the Snake slithers in, the 15-day Lunar New Year celebration brings with it dragon dances, lucky red envelopes, and diverse customs inviting prosperity.

Don't miss out on the chance to experience the Lunar New Year in Bengaluru at these premier venues offering an array of Chinese delicacies to celebrate the year of the wooden snake with style and flavour.

### Savour Tradition

Indulge in a menu crafted by Chef Chow Chee Meng, blending authentic Chinese flavours with premium ingredients. Enjoy a feast of king shumai and Peking dumplings, ocean seabass, golden lobster, and luohan zhai, followed by the bold snake coffee, a tribute to renewal and wisdom.

**WHEN:** Until February 5, 12.30pm onwards
**WHERE:** The Lantern, The Ritz-Carlton, Ashok Nagar
**CALL:** 90354 16155

### Dim-sational Experience

Indulge in authentic Chinese dishes like prawn har gao, chicken & prawn sui mai, Sichuan chicken dumplings, and soft lamb bao. Vegetarians can savour mushroom & water chestnut dumplings, Sichuan veg dumplings, crispy pan-fried Shanghai dumplings, and more alongside braised shiitake or kung pao tofu. Conclude your meal on a sweet note with a panda bao.

**WHEN:** January 29 to Feb 16 **WHERE:** Nasi and Mee, Koramangala, Bellandur, and Manyata Tech Park
**DETAILS:** nasiandmee.co.in

### Vietnamese New Year

Revel in Vietnamese-inspired delicacies like banh mi, stewed lobster with fresh tender coconut water, and the decadent coconut caramel custard.

**WHEN:** Until January 31
**WHERE:** Blue Ginger, Taj West End
**CALL:** 79075 78474

### Lunar Delicacy

Delight in the festive atmosphere by savouring the traditional elegance of xiao long bao with the smooth flavours of sake.

**WHEN:** January 29, 6pm onwards
**WHERE:** The Bengaluru Brasserie, Hyatt Centric MG Road
**CALL:** 95915 10193

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## KNOW YOUR CITY

**Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.**

**THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED THIS VERY WEDNESDAY**

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*

**1** Prof. MS Nanjunda Rao, a pioneer in the Karnataka art movement had a life-long passion for leather puppetry, Rao painstakingly researched and collected a wide range of leather puppets from across Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. He donated his collection to a premier art institution he founded in Bengaluru which opened a separate gallery for Leather puppets. Name the institution.

**2** RM Hadapad was a well-known artist and one of the most respected art teachers in Karnataka. The state government has honoured him with the Rajyotsava Award and also the prestigious Vamashilpi Venkatappa Award. Name the art school founded by him in Bengaluru.

**3** K Venkatappa, born in a family of court painters of Mysore Palace, distanced himself from Western art forms to create a style that stood. Following a rift, he left Mysore and made B'luru his home. Which residential locality did he live in that has a road named 'Chitrashilpi Venkatappa Road' after him – Malleswaram or Basavanagudi?

# 'Meiyazhagan is my comfort zone'

At the 13th edition of the ThinkEdu Conclave, actor Karthi spoke about the intricacies of preparing for a role, the importance of acknowledging non-film talents, his upcoming sequels, and more

Actor Karthi at the ThinkEdu Conclave

AKSHAY KUMAR

ON the need to recognise achievers from diverse fields, actor Karthi opened up about the spotlight focusing on actors too much, at the 13th edition of *The New Indian Express*' ThinkEdu Conclave, presented by SASTRA University, hosted at the ITC Grand Chola, Chennai on Monday. The *Meiyazhagan* actor spoke at the panel discussion titled 'What Lies Beneath: Getting into Character,' chaired by senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai.

In addition to discussing the intricate aspects of some of his most memorable performances, Karthi also reflected on his philanthropic work, and about his upbringing, which the actor believes helped him in his personal and professional life. Even as he expressed gratitude for the love he receives from fans, Karthi voiced concern about the lack of recognition for achievers in other fields. "I felt embarrassed to receive applause during an event for our Uzhavan Foundation when people who have achieved more went unrecognised. It's important to celebrate those unsung heroes. Through the foundation, we're taking up several projects, like the restoration of water bodies and empowering widowed women through agriculture. I'm also involving fans in my philanthropic work."

THINKEDU CONCLAVE

Karthi candidly opened up about the psychological toll he endured after his first film, *Paruthiveeran* (2007). "The climax of *Paruthiveeran* hit me so hard that I cried every day for three months, unable to recover from the grief. I didn't know what to do about it. Thankfully, on the sets of *Aayirathil Oruvan* (2010), Selvaraghavan sir saw my preparation and advised me not to stay in character before 'action' and after 'cut.' He said carrying roles home would affect our personal life, and I still follow his advice." While Paruthiveeran dealt Karthi a deep cut, he also set himself apart from Varun Chakrapani (*Kaatru Veliyidai*), whom he viewed as a problematic person. "The character totally goes against my grain. Playing VC, the poetry-reciting, charming, chauvinistic pig, was not easy. Mani sir helped me with that. I was advised not to be discouraged by the film's result, as it portrayed the reality of a caustic relationship for the first time in years. We need to show how girls don't have to put up with toxic relationships."

Delving into playing charming characters such as Vandhiyathevan and Meiyazhagan, Karthi attributed the seamless immersion into these characters to his grounded upbringing and childhood. "Despite being the son of a film star, the film sets were totally off-limits for me and my brother. We were strictly told not to fancy any Kollywood dreams. My parents were keen on getting us educated and wanting us to lead a normal life away from stardom. I used to take public transport and ride a bicycle. We didn't wear the best of clothes or shoes. We had a normal middle-class upbringing. Having lived such a life, I didn't have to prepare for *Meiyazhagan*. It was my comfort zone. I've met people in real life like the ones in the film. Prem Kumar wrote *Meiyazhagan* like a novel first and not a screenplay, where things take time to unfold. Some asked how such people could exist in real life. But they do, and I've come across them," said Karthi.

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## XPRESS FOCUS

# FROM DREAM CITY TO RESILIENT HUB
## Powered by Christ University

Nestled in the lap of the Sahyadri mountains, Lavasa city was envisioned as a dream, an escape from the humdrum of city life. Designed on the lines of the quaint Italian fishing village of Portofino, this was to be a city of the future where education, health and well-being would be its primary pillars. At its peak, the city saw major institutions like Ecole Institute of Hotel Management and Christ University making it a destination city. Things changed quickly. The dream gave way to a township that struggled to find takers due to the bankruptcy of the promoters. The township soon was at a crossroads with most institutions choosing to withdraw their operations.

The question whether Lavasa will resurrect itself becomes important when one considers the small but crucial economy that the quaint township sustains as it strenuously strives to cater to two important constituents nestled in the verdant valley - the gated community of senior citizens who live there and Christ University which operates its expansive residential campus and provides the occupational mainstay for the local villagers who would otherwise be migrants into the nearest metropolis away from their kith and kin.

But Christ University does more than that. The University's Lavasa campus part of the 60-year-old Bangalore-based Institution has been operating in the valley over the last 10 years fruitfully multiplying its fold and the economy that it has created for the many villages in and around the valley. The campus does more than teach academic courses at graduate and post-graduate levels. The extended citizenship of the University has resulted in the creation and sustenance of infrastructure that keeps the township flourishing even in the midst of the bankruptcy that hangs like the sword of Damocles over the future of the township.

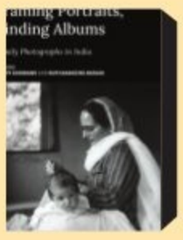
For Christ, this reversal from receiving foundational aid from the promise of a world-class township, now required the University to urgently step in and scaffold the township, for the livelihood of its locals, their small businesses, health and transport services and also by providing a meaningful social commune to the senior citizens residing within the township.

Christ Lavasa is, in a true sense, an experimental Gurukul that extends its ideology of service and excellence to the community through a symbiotic relationship with the locals, the town administration, the senior citizens and the vast expanse of nature binding all the various elements together.

The 10 years have been an exercise in nurturing systemic excellence through holistic education and community service, which are core institutional values. Looking back at the journey of the city, one can see how Christ University has become the core of this space.

**"As the only residential campus of Christ University, at Pune Lavasa campus, we prioritize a student-centric approach more than any other campus. Lavasa campus offers an immersive learning experience akin to a modern-day Gurukul. Here, every individual student will receive academic, leadership, sports, management, entrepreneurship mentorship, and so on, 24/7.**
— Dr. Fr. Joseph CC, Vice Chancellor, Christ Deemed to be University states.

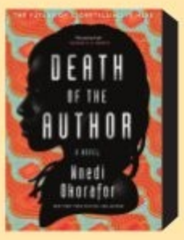
## BOOK NOOK



### Framing Portraits, Binding Albums: Family Photographs in India

**Edited by Shilpi Goswami, Suryanandini Narain**

The book presents the key role of family portraits in shaping histories of photography, marginality and the family. It underscores how family pictures have belonged to the vernacular material of visual culture, more visible but less written about.




### Death of the Author

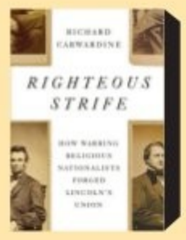
**By Nnedi Okorafor**

Zelu is facing some difficulties as she's suddenly dropped from her university job and her recent book is rejected, all in the middle of her sister's wedding. Disabled, unemployed and coming from a judgmental family, she's unsure what comes next.

### Nancy's Green and Easy Kitchen

**By Nancy Birtwhistle**

The author shares easy-to-make recipes, batch cooking tips, easy dietary switches, and suggests ideas to use leftovers along with her signature bakes. Her tips enable one to cook in a more sustainable way.




### Righteous Strife

**By Richard Carwardine**

The book gives a groundbreaking account of the American Civil War. It unravels the central role played by religion, reframing the conflict through Abraham Lincoln's contentious appeals to faith-based nationalism.

## SWEET DISCOVERIES

Visitors explore confectionery equipment at the Bakers Technology Fair 2025 held at Palace Grounds | ALLEN EGENUS E J

## QUICKFIX

### EGG FRIED RICE

**INGREDIENTS**

- **Cooked or leftover rice:** 2 cups (leftover is best)
- **Eggs:** 3 (beaten)
- **Chopped veggies (onions, carrots, peas):** 1/4 cup
- **Green or spring onions:** 1/4 cup, chopped
- **Soy sauce:** 1 tbsp
- **Oil:** 1 tbsp
- **Salt and pepper:** To taste

**METHOD**

- Heat oil in a pan.
- Pour eggs and scramble. Remove and set aside.
- Add the vegetables and cook until tender. Add in the rice and stir fry with the vegetables.
- Add eggs, soy sauce, salt, pepper. Stir-fry until heated through.
- Sprinkle green onions.

Contributed by **Ronnie Pal,** Delhi

## WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

### Drum Battle

The Bengaluru Drum Fest is back, bigger and bolder than ever! Featuring global drumming talents like Peter Szendofi, Ranjit Barot, David Joseph, Ghatam Giridhar Udupa, Anupam Ghatak and Arun Kumar with thrilling solos and a drum face-off you can't miss!

**WHEN:** January 31, 7pm
**WHERE:** Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### ROFL

Gear up for a riotous evening of gut-busting stand-up and razor-sharp wit that'll tickle your funny bone. Bring your crew, your sweetheart, or just your fabulous self, and let the chuckles cascade all night long.

**WHEN:** January 30, 7.15pm
**WHERE:** Zostel, Koramangala
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Stage Revived

Experience the life of the iconic actress **Kalpana** unfold through the magic of *Minugu Thare*. Witness the drama and tragic end as her story comes alive on stage. Once again, the brilliance of the actress is brought to life – her legacy, her art, her soul.

**WHEN:** January 29, 7.30pm
**WHERE:** Ranga Shankara, J P Nagar
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Wax Wonders

Learn the art of crafting dessert and floral-inspired candles. Create three unique pieces using essential oils and decorative touches, with all materials provided. Take home your handmade creations, perfect for gifting or for yourself **WHEN:** January 29, 11am **WHERE:** Paint Cafe Studio, Whitefield **DETAILS:** paintcafe.in

### Mix & Gin

Indulge in the art of crafting exquisite cocktails with a spotlight on the signature Bombay Bramble. Join for an exclusive gin masterclass, hosted by Bacardi Ambassador and acclaimed mixologist Ishrat Kaur, and step into a world of refined mixology. **WHEN:** January 29, 7pm **WHERE:** The Drawing Room Indiranagar by Smoke House Deli, Indiranagar **DETAILS:** insider.in

### Flex Revolution

Be part of an engaging discussion on cutting-edge work models, exploring innovative approaches to employment, with a special focus on AI-driven transformations and collaboration across sectors to shape the future of work.

**WHEN:** January 29, 6.30pm
**WHERE:** Indian Heritage Academy, Koramangala.
**DETAILS:** allevents.in

### Tune Trance

Join for an unforgettable night of soulful melodies, electrifying energy, and heartwarming vibes. **Dot.** is back to captivate us with her spellbinding tunes. Catch her live and feel the enchantment that has won hearts around the world. **WHEN:** January 31, 9pm
**WHERE:** Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala **DETAILS:** insider.in

## Priyanka K B

*Co-founder and director of a Bengaluru startup; handles product management, UI/UX design, and more*

### How to start a career in UI/UX Design

UI/UX designers transform everyday apps and websites into seamless, user-friendly experiences. Here are five steps to guide your journey.

**Learn the fundamentals:** Study core concepts like product life cycles, agile methodologies, wireframing, and user personas using free resources like YouTube, Coursera, Udemy, etc. Start analysing apps or websites you use daily – what works, what doesn't.

**Develop design skills:** Master tools like Figma, Sketch, or Adobe XD to create wireframes and prototypes. Start with small projects – redesign an app interface or create a website mockup. These will help you build confidence and refine your creative approach.

**ASK AN XPERT**

**Build a portfolio:** Include projects like app redesigns, website mockups, or conceptual interfaces. Highlight your design-thinking, problem-solving, and creative process. Share your work on platforms like Behance or Dribble.

**Gain hands-on experience:** Freelance projects or internships are great ways to apply your skills. Redesign everyday apps or create mock projects to practice. These experiences build your portfolio and prepare you for future opportunities in UI/UX design.

**Expand your network:** Join design communities. Networking helps you gain industry insights and discover opportunities. Also, explore certifications from Nielsen Norman Group, Google UX Design (via Coursera), or Interaction Design Foundation to strengthen your professional profile.

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## FITBIT

### ARDHA PASCHIMOTTANASANA CHAIR (HALF SEATED FORWARD BEND POSE CHAIR)

The pose sitting on a chair offers a delicate balance of stretch and relaxation. This helps to lengthen the hamstrings, relieving stiffness and tension, supporting the alignment of the spine. Better blood circulation is encouraged in the legs, aiding in faster muscle recovery and preventing post-exercise stiffness and discomfort. It helps to reset the spine, elongating and decompressing the vertebrae and reminding the body of proper alignment.

**STEPS**

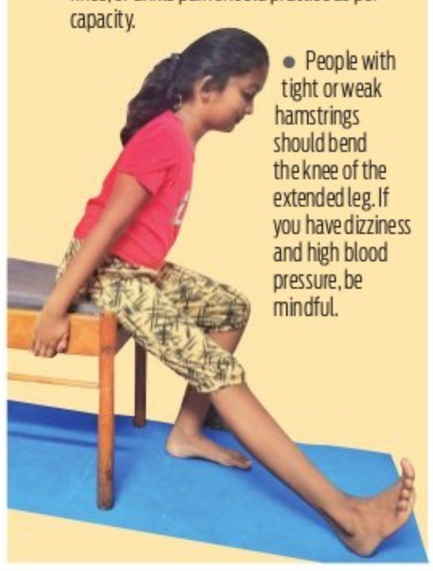
- Keep a chair handy as per your height. Start aligning to Chair Tadasana, sitting upright with the arms at the sides of the chair, spine erect, feet together and flat on the ground.
- Keep the chin parallel to the floor and shoulders rolled back. Lengthen your spine by grounding your sit bones into the chair and reaching the crown of your head toward the ceiling. Take a few deep breaths here.
- Take a big breath in. Exhale, gently lean forward to about 60 degrees and stretch the right leg in front, resting it on the heel, toes pointing up, stretching the back of the leg. Place your left foot on the ground. The torso is leaned forward, bringing towards the extended leg.
- Hold this pose for about six breaths. Breathe slowly and deeply, focusing on maintaining balance and stability.
- Keep the hips squared toward the front. Focus on maintaining a long spine, extending through the crown of your head.
- Extend the quads, hamstrings, and calves along with the soles. This is a great way to work on the tendons and tissues around the plantar fascia (ligament).
- Inhale, release the pose slowly and back into Chair Tadasana. Stay here for a breath or two.
- Counter the stretch on the other side. Finally, release, relax and rest in Three Part Breath Chair.
- If the feet are not reaching the ground, you can use pillows, folded blankets, bolster, block(s) or rolled mat to support the feet.

**BENEFITS**

- Alleviates back pain and discomfort associated with prolonged sitting.
- Gentle and safe way to do a forward bend while seated on a chair.
- Can be practised by pregnant women and senior citizens.
- Strengthens the lower body, targeting quadriceps, hamstrings, feet and ankles.
- Reduces pain and discomfort from the lower back and legs.
- Enhances joint health and mobility in the hips, knees and ankles.
- Gives relief from conditions like mild sciatica, arthritis, joint degeneration, fibromyalgia, nocturnal leg syndrome, osteoporosis, Achilles tendonitis, plantar fasciitis.
- Opens the tight hips and hamstrings, relaxing the entire body.
- Beneficial for those recovering from lower body injuries, surgeries, or sprains, strains, or fractures, reducing pressure off the lower back and hips.
- Alleviates stress and anxiety stored in the mind and body.
- Good for sports people, improving balance and stability.
- Stimulates the three Chakras – Muladhara, Swadisthana and Manipura, boosting confidence and personal power.

**LIMITATIONS**

- Students with a history of lower back injury, hamstring or calf strain, tear, or injury, recovering from surgeries in the lower back, legs or abdominal region, should take it slow.
- Students with chronic lower back, hips, feet, knee, or ankle pain should practise as per capacity.
- People with tight or weak hamstrings should bend the knee of the extended leg. If you have dizziness and high blood pressure, be mindful.

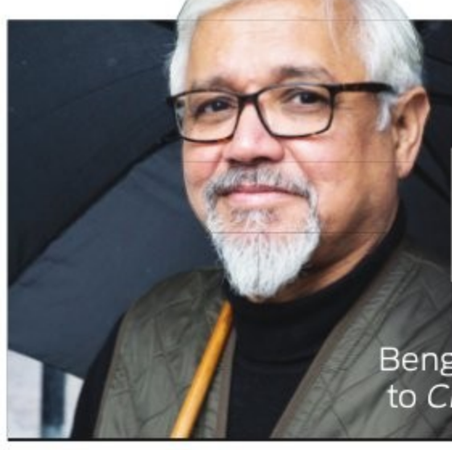


**By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

## ARTCORNER

### ART NIGHT

Artist Anupama Rajiv presents a scene from a Kathakali performance, which can go well into the wee hours



# NURTURING NATURE

Amitav Ghosh, who was recently in Bengaluru to launch *Wild Fictions*, speaks to *CE* about fiction, wilderness, and more

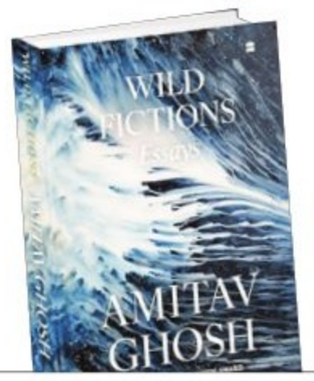
**ANUBHAB ROY**

IN a world where the climate suffers worse plights every day, discourse around the issue is still struggling to catch up with the magnitude of the crisis. Hoping to bring change into this ambit, the titular essay of Amitav Ghosh's latest book, *Wild Fictions* (HarperCollins India; ₹799), brings climate, nature, and our interrelationships into scrutiny in a context of power.

The essay 'Wild Fictions', by nature a non-fiction account, treads a nimble line between fact and fable; Ghosh's identity as a stalwart in Indian fiction, with incredible effect, beats as this text's heart. If non-fiction is the primary mode of writing, it still rolls from a pen whose mother tongue is fiction. Storytelling acts as a stepping stone for this account, where Ghosh includes different stories from varied contexts, all of whose threads seem to knit together at a point which heaves with ecological concern. Ghosh's lens sees the end-goal of climate conservation as rooted in the human species being factored in as an inherent part of nature, not existing outside of it. To his credit, it is a lens that is grounded in issues of caste (and by extension, race), evident in his retelling of the aforementioned stories, including 'The Indian Hut'.

Because he asserts fiction as the most able salve towards reintegrating humanity within nature, it is important to be aware of ideologies being essentially stories too, with the best stories making the most potent ideologies. Ghosh, recent winner of the Crossword Lifetime Achievement Award, sheds light, "Fascist ideologies, with their emphasis on purity, hierarchy, and exclusion, are particularly insidious. They thrive on fear, on the demonisation of the 'other', be it a different race, religion, or even a perceived threat to the natural order. To counter these narratives, we need stories that celebrate difference, that weave together the human and the non-human, that acknowledge the interconnectedness of all beings."

There is a familiar undercurrent visible in Ghosh's retold stories that involve the Western gaze as the narrative searchlight. In these stories, or even real incidents described in the essay, the binary Western mind easily dismisses indigenous stories as fables and fiction that are in necessary opposition with science. Ghosh himself stresses, "The notion that indigenous knowledge is somehow 'primitive' or 'irrational' stems from a long history of colonial arrogance, a desire to assert Western dominance over other ways of knowing. Instead of dismissing these other ways of knowing, we need to find ways to integrate them with modern science. We need to create spaces for dialogue and exchange, where indigenous knowledge systems can be valued and respected."




Amongst the many ideologies pervasive to natural ecosystems, masquerading as norms, there is one that Ghosh brings up that is of special perversion: the 'untouched forest'. That the idea of an 'untouched forest' has unmistakably casteist roots is clear enough; it also reveals the racist rhetoric that allows Western naturalists to impose an exclusivity between humanity and nature. Echoing the sentiments already evident in the essay, Ghosh states, "The concept of the 'untouched forest' is a deeply problematic one, rooted in long histories of dispossession. It reflects a desire to separate humans from nature, to create an allegedly pristine wilderness devoid of human presence. This idea is a fantasy – human populations have been deeply involved in the creation of many apparently 'untouched' and 'pristine' forests."

# Unveiling an ICON

The singer-actor shares her thoughts with *CE* on her newly published autobiography, *Parde ke Peechhey*

**RESHMI CHAKRAVORTY**

KNOWN for her unconventional voice and strong personality, Ila Arun's journey is a testament to breaking stereotypes in the male dominated music and film industries. With the release of her much-anticipated memoir, *Parde ke Peechhey* (Penguin Random House India; ₹699), Ila Arun unveils her remarkable journey in her own words, offering readers an intimate glimpse into her extraordinary life.

**What inspired you to write this autobiography?**

The process was straightforward. I primarily write in Hindi, and during the COVID lockdown, I began reflecting deeply on my memories. They flowed naturally as I revisited moments from my past. Writing an autobiography is both a simple and complex task. Simple because memories are abundant, but complex because you decide what to share and what to withhold.

I recently read a Hindi poem whose name escapes me, but it resonated deeply and influenced my approach. When Penguin approached me to write in English, I deliberated for a while. Writing in English was not my first instinct, but I understood its wider reach. After discussions with my family, I decided to embrace the challenge.

**What led to the book's title, *Parde ke Peechhey*?**

Many suggested naming the book after my iconic song, *Choli Ke Peeche*, but I resisted. That song, while beloved, doesn't define me. I wanted a title that reflects the essence of my life. One day, while taking my daily walks on the terrace, the idea struck me – *Parde ke Peechhey*. It's a phrase rich with meaning. Even the cover design holds a special place in my heart. It was crafted by my nephew Abhijit Avasthi's ad agency. The photoshoot took place at the Royal Opera Theatre, a venue steeped in history and a meaningful part of my journey. Standing behind the same curtain where legends like Prithviraj Kapoor performed felt poetic.

Q&A

**How do you hope your memoir will resonate with readers?**

This book is not just about me; it's about the people around me, the culture I grew up in, and the lessons I've learned. Each story, whether joyful or poignant, offers a piece of my journey. I hope readers laugh, smile, and find moments of connection in my narrative.

**Your career spans music, acting, and theatre. How do these roles reflect who you are?**

Each role I've played reveals different facets of me. Acting and singing are deeply intertwined for me. When I sing, I act; when I act, I sing. Both require an understanding of emotion and language.

For instance, as a classical singer transitioning to playback, it's essential to grasp the language you're singing in. Similarly, when portraying characters, you must immerse yourself in their world. Even if I've never experienced their reality firsthand, I rely on reading and understanding their lives to bring authenticity to my performance.

**Looking back, what was a turning point in your career?**

Singing in a show on Doordarshan was pivotal. I was initially an anchor, but I suggested singing folk songs about villages, which caught the attention of filmmakers like Subhash Ghai and Umesh Mehra. This led to opportunities in films like *Jaal* and *Karma*.

**According to you, what's the role of traditional folk music in today's world?**

Folk music remains a treasure trove of culture and emotion. While today's fast-paced music industry leans heavily on commercial trends, folk music continues to connect people to their roots. It's a medium that carries stories of our ancestors and the essence of our land.

**If you could collaborate with any contemporary artist, whether in India or internationally, who would it be, and why?**

I love Remo Fernandes. We worked together in *Trikal* (1985), where he played the role of a singer and I was the cook. In India, I'm open to collaborating with anyone – anyone who can create music that suits my voice and range. I'm ready to work with any artist. Every artist portrays their vision uniquely. I'm especially interested in collaborating with Jamaican singers or musicians, people from tribal backgrounds, or anyone whose music has a unique rhythm and swag. I'm not limited by language or age. There's no age bar for creativity. I recently enjoyed working with Dhruv. He shares the same mindset – we should be open to collaborating with anyone as long as there's mutual respect and understanding. Of course, I have my limitations as a singer, and maybe not everyone will want to collaborate with me. But for those who do, I'm ready and excited to work together.

**Can you tell us about your future projects?**

Right now, I'm soaking in the joy of my journey. I've given myself this gift, and it has kept me feeling youthful. I'm incredibly thankful to Penguin for encouraging me to document these memories. Each time I revisit them, I feel emotional. I recall singing in the winter in a small kitchen with my mother, where coal burned to keep us warm, and she would make sweet potatoes. Memories like that bring a smile to my face. I miss my mother so much. Life is beautiful but fleeting, and it's important to cherish these moments. We should enjoy life, celebrate it with our parents, grandparents, and friends. There's no point in dwelling on politics or negativity. Life is for living and loving. I've worked on a film with Ravi Udyawar, featuring Mrunal Thakur and Siddhant Chaturvedi. I play Siddhant's mother in the movie. There's also a sequel to *Raat Akeli Hai*, directed by Honey Trehan, which will be shot in Chennai. I'll once again work with my most loved actor, Nawazuddin Siddiqui.

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**I, ANITA JAIN**, aged about 58 years, W/o. Susheel Kumar Jain, R/o. Naveen Mahal, No. 105, 4th Cross, 1st 'N' Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru – 560 010. I have Changed My Name From **ANITA CHANDUWAD** To **ANITA JAIN** Vide Affidavit Dated 27-01-2025, Sworn Before Notary B. Prasanna, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) GANAPATI,** Father of NO.15333453W, HAV, SHIVAJI DONGARE, Residing At/Post: Karoshi, Taluka: Chikkodi, Dist: Belagavi, State: KARNATAKA, PIN: 591226, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) GANPATHI GUNDU DONGARE** And **DOB** from **01.07.1958** to **01.01.1961** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **RAMAKRISHNAYYA P,** S/o Late Poojappa, aged about 56 years, presently residing at No. 276, "Ashirwad" 8th 'A' Cross, Near Green Fresh, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore-560 060. Hereby declare that, I have changed my minor daughter's (Date of Birth: 31.01.2011) name from **'BUVANAASRI. R'** to **"BHUVANAPRIYA RAM.R"**, vide Affidavit dated 27.01.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Puttaramaiah, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, CHAITRA PATIL**, W/o. Shrinivas Chalageri, age about 34 years, Residing at No.011, A Block Elegant Exquisite, 7th Stage Phase, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Benglauru-98. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHAITRA TO CHAITRA PATIL,.** vide affidavit dated 20/01/2025 sworn before advocate & Notary S.R.Thulasikrishna,Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, ZAINAB FATMA** W/o Mehmood Faraz Ashrafi R/a #16/2, 2nd Cross, 11th Main, Gangaparameshwari Nagar, Kodichikkanahalli, Bangalore South, PO: Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076 Declared that my Husband's correct Name is **MEHMOOD FARAZ ASHRAFI** but in my passport, my husband's name inadvertently recorded as **MAHMOOD FARAZ** instead of **MEHMOOD FARAZ ASHRAFI** vide affidavit dated: 27.01.2025 sworn before Notary T.R. Raghavendra Rao, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Vivek V Bhat** S/o Vinod Bhat R/a No103,1st Floor, Balaji Elite, Arunacham Layout, Opp to SLV Meadows, K.S Town, Bengaluru - 560060. I Here By Declare That I have Changed My Name From **Vivek** To **Vivek V Bhat.** Vide Affidavit Date: 24.01.2025.Sworn Before Notary: G.Dayanda.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**ANURADHA S**, W/o D Sundaresan residing at No. G-5, Sai Sadhan Apartment, Near Maramma Temple Virupakshapura, Kodigehalli Ext. Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560097, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANURADHA RAMAMURTHY** to **ANURADHA S**, Henceforth, I shall be known and called as **ANURADHA S** only, vide affidavit dated 28/01/2025, sworn before advocate and notary R Ramesh, at Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **AJEET SINGH SHITALA PRASAD**, S/o Shitala Prasad Singh R/o Shriram Surabhi Apartment off Kanakpura Road, near Sri Kumaran School, Mallasandra, Vajarahalli Talaghatapura, Bangalore -560109 have permanently changed my name from **AJEET SINGH SHITALA PRASAD** to **AJEET SINGH**, vide affidavit dated 28/01/2025, sworn before notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, VIMAL CHAND K JAIN** S/o Kapoor Chand aged about 64 years R/a No.1/1, Flat No OC 1506, Shapoorji Park West, Binny Mill Rd Bangalore -560023. In some records my name is entered as **VIMAL CHAND** & **VIMAL CHAND JAIN** In future for all official purposes my name will be **VIMAL CHAND K JAIN** only vide affidavit dt.27-01-2025 and Sworn before Notary K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) PERUMATHA,** Spouse of NO.1361381X, EX-HAV, P MARIAPPAN, Residing at Kalappalan Kulam (Vill), Karadi Kulam (Post), Sankaran Kovil (Tehsil), Tirunelveli (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 627752, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) PERUMATHAL** And **DOB** from **10.05.1960** to **10.11.1960** Vide Affidavit Dated 23.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MUTHUSAMY .B,** resident of # 340, 5th Cross, Dollars Colony, Opp Sandhya Talkies, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MUTHUCHAMY BOSE** to **MUTHUSAMY .B** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MUTHUSAMY .B** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27-01-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.V. MANI** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, HARDIK .P.S,** S/o Sri Srinivasan Shetty .P, aged about 41 years, R/at New No.42, Old No. 18/1, Lakshmaiah Building, 5th main, Appaiahswamy Colony, Uttarahalli, Bangalore South, Subramanya Pura, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560061. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAGESH .P.S** to **HARDIK .P.S** henceforth I shall be known and called as **HARDIK .P.S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27-01-2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **HEGDE GANAPATHI VENKATRAMAN** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **RAGHAVENDRARAO KULKARNI** (Old Name) R/at No.49, Guru Krupa, 20th A Main Road,1st R Block Rajajinagar, Bengaluru -560010 have changed my name to **RAGHAVENDRA M KULKARNI** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 28/01/2025 Before Notary **Sivakumara.M.N** Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NITYA BHARGAVI**, Wife of Mr. Venugopal, Aged about 37 years, residing at # 34, Narasimha Krupa, Survey No. 3/2, 6th Main, Dattatreya Nagar, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NITYA BHARGAVI ARASHANGI** to **NITYA BHARGAVI** vide affidavit dated 27.01.2025 sworn to before N. Kanchivaradaraju, Advocate & Notary Public, Government of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **DILIP KUMAR M S**, father of Abhiram Bharadwaj, R/o Flat No. A-201, Temple Tree Apartment Jaraganahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560078, have permanently changed my son's name from **ABHIRAM BHARADWAJ** to **ADVIT ABHIRAM BHARADWAJ** vide affidavit dated 28/01/2025, sworn before Notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, VAIBHAV, S/o A.G.K.SATHYA PRAKASH residing at No F2, Lakshmi Apartment, 2nd Cross, SVK Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name to A VAIBHAV** vide affidavit dated 28-01-2025 sworn to before advocate and notary R. Vishnuvardhan, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) MANGAL,** Mother of NO.15333453W, HAV, SHIVAJI DONGARE, Residing At/Post: Karoshi, Taluka: Chikkodi, Dist: Belagavi, State:KARNATAKA, PIN: 591226, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) MANGAL GANAPATI DONGARE** And **DOB** from **01.07.1964** to **01.01.1956** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **ASHA KUMARI GOUTHAM BAFNA,** W/o. Manish Bordia, residing at No. 131/23, Reservoir Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, have changed my name to **ASHA KUMARI**, vide affidavit dated 23.01.2025, sworn before notary H.G Venkataramu, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SRINIVASA MARASINGANAHALLI RAMANNA**, S/o. Ramanna Marasinganahalli Ramaswamy, residing at #3703, 11th Cross, 8th Main, 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru 560078, have changed my name to **SRINIVAS MARASINGANAHALLI RAMANNA** vide Affidavit Dated: 28/01/2025, sworn before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MADUSUDHANA.D (DEVARAJ)** S/o **Devaraju** Alias **Devaraj** R/at No.6, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, Munikrishnappa Layout, Adugodi, Bangalore-560030 have changed my name to **MADHUSUDHAN.D (DEVARAJ)** vide affidavit dated: 28/1/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, SRIKANTHACHAR TIRUMALE RANGACHAR** S/o. TIRUMALE NARASIMHACHAR RANGACHAR, Residing at No. 58, 2nd Cross, Jai Hanuman Layout, Virupakshapura, Kodigehalli, Bangalore North, Vidyaranyapura Po, Bengaluru-560097, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **SINCHANA S IYENGAR** to **SINCHANA SRIKANTH IYENGAR,** vide affidavit dated 28.01.2025, sworn to before K.V. Nanjaiah, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Bananthahally Sundaraja Iyengar Jagannathan** (Old Name), S/o B.S. Sundaraj Iyengar aged about 63 years, Residing at No. 647, 10 th Main, 1st Cross, near BDA Park, ITI Layout, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru - 560 056 have changed my name as **B.S. JAGANNATH** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 28.01.2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary Devaraja E, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHREEYA P NAIK,** presently student at IIULER GOA and Permanent Address: D/o Praveen Naik, No.107, 9th Main, 1st Cross, Vysya bank colony, 1st Stage B.T.M Layout, Taverekere, Bangalore-560029. have changed my name to **SHREEYA NAIK** vide affidavit dated 28-01-2025 sworn to before advocate and notary Aravind Patil G.G., Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **ANIL V JAIN** S/o Vimal Chand K Jain aged about 39 years R/a No.1/1, Flat No OC 1506, Shapoorji Park West, Binny Mill Rd, Bangalore - 560023. In some records my name is entered as **ANIL V** & **ANIL V JAIN** In future for all official purposes my name will be **ANIL V JAIN** only vide affidavit dt.27-01-2025 and Sworn before Notary K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) M GOVINDA RAJ,** Father of NO.16131888M, SPR, PREM RAJ G Residing at House NO.2/298, Ontiyoor (Vill), Nakkalpatti (Post), Bargur (Taluk), Krishnagiri (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 635203, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) GOVINDARAJ MECHERRY** Vide Affidavit Dated 23.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **VANSH RANDER** S/o VINAY RANDER, residing at NO.586, 1ST FLOOR, 3RD MAIN ROAD, SADASHIVANAGAR, BENGALURU-560080 have changed my name to **VANSH VINAY RANDER** vide Affidavit Dated: 27/01/2025, sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, VEENA .J,** W/o Prashantha .G.N, R/at No.18/9, ram rao layout, 1st main road, Kathriguppe, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560085, do hereby declare that my name wrongly mentioned as **VEENA .P.N** instead of **VEENA .J** are one and the same and refers to me only my correct name is **VEENA .J** vide affidavit dated 21-01-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHYAMALA BALAJI** W/o **Balaji B.R** R/at No.304, 5th A Main, 1st B Cross, Remco Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560040 have changed my name to **T. SHYAMALA** vide affidavit dated: 28/1/2025 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **SHRUTI CHAVI T @ SHRUTI CHAVI TETE** D/o. ANUGRAH M TETE @ ANUGRAH M T @ ANUGRAH TETE, Aged about 25 years, residing at No. 25, 14th Main Road, RK Layout, 3rd Stage, Padmanabhanagar, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560 070, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that is in my Passport No. Y1174464, dated 20.03.2024, issued by the Regional Passport office Bengaluru, bears my name as **SHRUTI CHAVI TETE,** father name as **ANUGTAH M TETE.** By mistake, my Father's name is mentioned as **Anugtah M Tete** instead of **Anugrah M Tete** in the document. This is also to categorically state that my father's correct name is **Anugrah M T @ Anugrah M Tete @ Anugrah Tete.** vide affidavit dated 28.01.2025 sworn to before G.B. Turamari, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MOHANVENKATA SATYASUBRAMANYAM MURALI PEMMIREDDI** alias **MVSS MURALI PEMMIREDDI**, S/o AKKARAO, R/o No. G-18 Sapthagiri Springs, BTS Layout, Arekere Bangalore – 560076, have permanently changed my Name from **MOHANVENKATA SATYASUBRAMANYAM MURALI PEMMIREDDI** alias **MVSS MURALI PEMMIREDDI** to **MOHAN VENKATA SATYA SUBRAHMANYAM MURALI PEMMIREDDI** vide affidavit dated 28/01/2025, sworn before Notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **PADMAVATHI KRISHNAMURTHY**, W/o Ravindra Purigali Krishnamurthy, R/o No. 3256 7th Main, 2nd Cross, Dattagalli, 3rd Stage, Kanakadasanagara, Mysore - 570022, have permanently changed my name from **PADMAVATHI KRISHNAMURTHY** to **PADMA RAVINDRA**, vide affidavit dated 28/01/2025, sworn before notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) G MENAKA,** Mother of NO.16131888M, SPR, PREM RAJ G Residing at House NO.2/298, Ontiyoor (Vill), Nakkalpatti (Post), Bargur (Taluk), Krishnagiri (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 635203, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) MENAKA GOVINDARAJ** Vide Affidavit Dated 23.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) P SUSEELA,** Mother of NO.JC-314963W, NB/SUB, GOVINDARAJ P, Residing at House NO.3/161B, Periyathakkepalli (Vill), Pothinapalli (Post), Krishnagiri (TK & Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 635001, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) P SUSILA** Vide Affidavit Dated 23.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SRAVAN KARTHIK**, S/o. Tarun Sreenivasan, residing at Flat #14, P/1, Lake City, Near Kodichikanahalli Bus Stop, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru 560076, have changed my name to **SRAVAN KARTHICK .T** vide Affidavit Dated: 28/01/2025, sworn before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SURYA NARAYANAN,** S/o D. Anandan, aged about 26 years, R/at No.24, 2nd Cross, Muniveerappa Block, Vyalikaval, Bangalore-560003, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SURYA** and **SURYA .A** and **SURYA NARAYANAN,** belong to my name and are one and only same person henceforth I shall be known and called as **SURYA NARAYANAN,** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27-01-2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.R. SHASHIKALA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **UMANG UMESH CHANDER JOSHI** D/o **Umesh/ Umesh Chander Joshi,** R/at No. 12, 2nd G Main Road, Near Lawrence School 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095, I have changed my name to **UMANG JOSHI** vide affidavit dated: 28/1/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **ANUGRAH TETE @ ANUGRAH M TETE,** S/o Late Edmond Tete, aged about 57 years, residing at No. 25, 14th Main Road, RK Layout, 3rd Stage, Padmanabhanagar, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560 070, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that in the Passport No. Y1174464, dated 20.03.2024, issued by the Regional Passport office Bengaluru of my daughter Shruti Chavi Tete bears her father's name as **Mr. Anugtah M Tete.** That, by mistake, my name has been mentioned as **Mr. ANUGTAH M TETE** instead of **ANUGRAH M TETE** in the said document. This is also to categorically state that my correct name is **Anugrah Tete @ Anugrah M Tete @ Anugrah M T.** vide affidavit dated 28.01.2025 sworn to before G.B. Turamari, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **DILIP KUMAR M S**, father of Aprameya Bharadwaj, R/o Flat No. A-201, Temple Tree Apartment Jaraganahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560078, have permanently changed my son's name from **APRAMEYA BHARADWAJ** to **ADVIK APRAMEYA BHARADWAJ** vide affidavit dated 28/01/2025, sworn before Notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, ASHISH S/o Mr. Anil Murumkar, residing at: Flat No. 7A-408, Vaishnavi Serene Apartment, Doddaballapur Main Road, Behind CRPF, Puttenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064 have changed my from name ASHISH to ASHISH A MURUMKAR** vide Affidavit No. 317, Pg. No. 54, Volume No. 34, Dated: 28-01-2025, before Notary Public G.P CHAYA, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) MANGAL,** Mother of NO.15333453W, HAV, SHIVAJI DONGARE, Residing At/Post: Karoshi, Taluka: Chikkodi, Dist: Belagavi, State:KARNATAKA, PIN: 591226, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) MANGAL GANAPATI DONGARE** And **DOB** from **01.07.1964** to **01.01.1956** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

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**CHANGE OF NAME**
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I, **SHREEYA P NAIK,** presently student at IIULER GOA and Permanent Address: D/o Praveen Naik, No.107, 9th Main, 1st Cross, Vysya bank colony, 1st Stage B.T.M Layout, Taverekere, Bangalore-560029. have changed my name to **SHREEYA NAIK** vide affidavit dated 28-01-2025 sworn to before advocate and notary Aravind Patil G.G., Bangalore.

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# 'I PRESENT INTIMACY OR BOLDNESS IN A PLEASANT WAY'

A SHARADHAA

*NODIDAVARU Enanthare*, a film that quietly took shape, has created a buzz since its trailer release. This debut feature by director Kuldeep Cariappa, starring fine actors such as Naveen Shankar and Apoorva Bharadwaj, along with senior actor Padmavati Rao—making her comeback to Kannada cinema after decades—is set to hit theatres on January 31. The title hints at the reflections and emotions the story carries. Ahead of the film's release, we caught up with the team to uncover their journey.

"The silence before the release was due to technical challenges," Kuldeep explains. "Until we were certain about the release date, none of us—including the production house, Hippo and Kiddo Motion Pictures of producer Nagesh Gopal, or the cast—wanted to begin promotions. The response to the trailer has been overwhelming. I usually write a script before cutting the trailer, and I implemented the same approach here. While some on the team were sceptical, the reception has exceeded expectations. People in Bengaluru and Mysuru have been saying, 'We've watched the trailer,' I hope they treat it as an invitation to theatres."

Reflecting on the story that explores love in all its forms—self-love, acceptance, and the pursuit of connection—Kuldeep elaborates, "It's about accepting people, including ourselves, for who they are. That's the central theme of *Nodidavaru Enanthare*."

Naveen Shankar, known for his intense performances, describes his dedication to the role. "For me, a movie is a movie, regardless of its scale. Be it Gurudev *Hoysala* or *Salaar*, I approach every role with equal passion. For newcomers like us, we don't have the luxury of big budgets or long schedules. We must push ourselves to prove that writers and directors can trust us with their stories. The challenges and comfort lie in the character, not the canvas."

His commitment extended to extreme measures while preparing for intense scenes. "I stayed in an emotional zone for a while, even off-set," Naveen admits. "Such challenges fuel my passion for acting."

Apoorva Bharadwaj, who underwent a physical transformation for the role, shares her perspective. "Kuldeep's story was a 'luck by chance' moment for me. He had narrated the script to Naveen, mentioning the kind of female lead he envisioned. Naveen showed him my pictures, and two days later, I was on board. The physical transformation took four months, but emotionally, it wasn't taxing. The character felt like an extension of myself."

...says director Kuldeep Cariappa who, along with Naveen Shankar and Apoorva Bharadwaj, shares his experience working on *Nodidavaru Enanthare*

A still from the film

The film's first shot was an intimate lip-lock scene. Apoorva recalls, "I was initially nervous, but Naveen and Kuldeep's guidance made it seamless. What drew me to this project was my belief in Kuldeep's intuition—his ability to translate the script to screen—and my trust in Naveen's judgement. It was a liberating experience."

Naveen reflects on the societal norms addressed in the film. "During my studies, when I dropped out of college, my parents were worried about what others would think. I've seen this in my family too, like during my younger sister's love marriage. My mother was initially concerned about societal opinions, but I reminded her that her happiness mattered most. Over time, I've learnt to prioritise my own path."

Apoorva echoes similar sentiments, wishing to break away from societal barriers. "Across India, regardless of class or region, we all live with the constant thought of 'What will others think?' While our generation is slowly overcoming this mindset, it's still prevalent. I'd want to see a world where people live for themselves rather than for societal approval."

For Kuldeep, helming his first feature was a journey of learning and adapting. "Working with senior actor Padmavati Rao, who is returning to Kannada cinema after four decades, along with Naveen and Apoorva, was a unique experience. Each of them had a different working style, and my job was to align them to a common vision. Having done ads and commercials before, this was an entirely new journey for me, but I enjoyed it thoroughly."

The film also delves into bold content, but Kuldeep approaches it sensitively. "Some filmmakers use boldness as a promotional gimmick, focusing on provocative visuals. For me, such scenes should feel natural and comfortable for the actors and audience. The idea is to present intimacy or boldness in a way that's pleasant and not awkward. Surprisingly, the censoring process varies greatly across regions. Words and scenes accepted in Hindi or Tamil films often face objections here. It's an interesting dynamic to navigate."

Despite these challenges, Kuldeep remains optimistic about the film's reception. "*Nodidavaru Enanthare* is a breezy, entertaining film. It's subtle, not loud, and brings out the highs and lows of everyday life. Audiences will find themselves in the shoes of Siddharth, the protagonist, and walk away with a hangover from his journey."

Naveen Shankar



Padmavati Rao on the sets of Nodidavaru Enanthare



Naveen Shankar and Apoorva Bharadwaj

CE FEATURES

# *Beguru Colony* is a fight for playgrounds: Director Manju

BEFORE entering cinema, Manju was a national-level kho-kho player, earning the title "Flying King" for his agility. His second film *Beguru Colony*, after the farmers-focused feature *Rajeeva*, comes with a deeper purpose: to raise awareness about the importance of playgrounds and physical activity for today's youth. The director calls it a 'cult subject,' and it features Bigg Boss contestant and *Usire Usire* actor Rajeev Hanu as the hero, Ragahvan, with Manju also taking on the role of Gaali Shiva.

*Beguru Colony* revolves around the fight to secure a playground in a locality, highlighting the need for spaces where children and youth can engage in physical activities. Manju, who has firsthand experience of the importance of outdoor play, believes the issue is more urgent than ever. "Today, kids are glued to their phones, and we're seeing more kids wearing glasses. When we were young, we didn't have these problems. A playground is essential for their well-being. It's not just about awareness—it's about providing a solution," says Manju.

By channelling his background as a former athlete, Manju brings authenticity to the film's message. He uses a commercial approach to deliver the importance of physical spaces for the younger generation. *Beguru Colony* also explores how middle-class youth often become pawns in political struggles, drawing attention to a lesser-discussed issue.

Alongside Rajeev Hanu and Manju, the film stars Pallavi Parva, Keerthi Bhandari, and a strong supporting cast, including Posani Krishna Murali, Rajeev Belawadi, and Syed Salam. With Ravi Films distributing the film, *Beguru Colony* is set for release in a good number of theatres on January 31 in Karnataka, with a few screenings in Tamil Nadu.

The film has cinematography by Karthik S and music by Abhinandan Kashyap. According to the makers, *Beguru Colony* is a fight for playgrounds and the future of youth, and it's not just about land—it's about the future of the next generation.

A still from the film

# THROUGH THE PEEPING HOLE

NAMRATA JOSHI

Film: **Stranger Eyes**

CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

**In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world**

WHEN it comes to its exploration of the theme of voyeurism, there is a lot about Yeo Siew Hua's *Stranger Eyes* that could make one instantly recall Alfred Hitchcock. For instance, the Rear Window-like obsessive observation of and suspicions about neighbours across the building. Or an eccentric Psycho-like mother-son duo and the overwhelming fetish for people watching.

However, what makes the film stand apart is the way it intertwines the idea of surveillance and personal privacy with the challenges and responsibilities, insecurities, vulnerabilities and ineptitude of parenthood. The idea of keeping a protective eye on the child and the exploration of the distance between a parent and child, a legacy of sorts, gives the film emotional heft and poignancy. It kicks off with a young couple's—Junyang (Chien-Ho Wu) and Peiying (Anicca Panna)—baby daughter going missing from the playground. Simultaneously, recordings of their daily life, and private moments, covertly filmed by a stranger, start getting delivered to their doorstep. The needle of suspicion falls on the neighbour Wu (Lee Kang-sheng in a brilliantly layered performance). Meanwhile, the police set up a surveillance system to catch the culprit. However, the search for the pervert also leads, unexpectedly, to some deeply buried secrets and lies even as the scrutiny and stalking acquire an unforeseen inter-generational dimension—the inheritance of surveillance so to speak. The Singapore-Taiwan-France-US co-production premiered in the main competition section in Venice and was the opening film for Taipei Golden Horse Film Festival and the Singapore International Film Festival. It also played recently at the Marrakech International Film Festival in the Special Screenings section.

On the one hand, the film focuses on what's slowly turning out to be a universal urban reality, being watched and our actions being monitored all the time. How much of this alarming pervasiveness is borne out of necessity and safety and security concerns and how much is it an intrusion of personal freedom and basic human rights? The act of stealthily watching someone brings to light another urban contradiction, of being incredibly lonely in the crowd, trying to fill the boundless stretch of time by taking a peep into the lives of others. It is also a comment on the real as opposed to an image of it. How we make do with the latter in the absence of actual people, relationships and friendships around us, as though filling up the human voids in our lives with copies and replicas. No wonder *Stranger Eyes* presents seeing and being seen as two sides of the same coin with consequences for both parties. However meddling and invasive, it's nonetheless a bond between the two. Tenuous and strange, disturbing, dangerous and menacing amid the alienation, apathy and distractions of the urban jungle.

Most interesting is the way *Stranger Eyes* captures the fetish of people to constantly be on the camera, and in the public gaze, especially in these Instagram-selfie-driven times. To every "I see you", there's "I want to be seen". Does one even have an identity if one is not looked at? Recognition and validation are indeed all. Simultaneously with the deep dive into the idea of gaze, the film also grapples with what it is to raise a child and whether some people are better off not having kids. In dealing with all these ambiguities, Siew Hua spins a well-paced, taut thriller that keeps the audience guessing and on edge of their seats. The cinematography by Hideho Urata plays brilliantly with the spaces—the interiority and claustrophobia as opposed to the outer expanse where you stand exposed. The sound design of Duu-Chih Tu and Tse Kang Tu uses incidental sound to great sinister effect.

Most fascinating is the twist in the tale that reveals the unexpected interconnectedness of the characters. Siew Hua turns the tables on us as the narrative moves towards the climax. Who is the observer and who is being observed? That truly is the unpredictable question the film leaves us with.

# 'Sardar 2 is both a prequel and a sequel'

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THE actor also revealed how his mother, who was not very keen about his acting career, was excited for the first time when she learnt that he would play Vandhiyathevan in Ponniyin Selvan. "My mom was excited about my career for the first time. I wanted to keep this role as rooted as possible. I wanted to capture the common man's behaviour in the 10th century. I read a book called Sangam Polity, suggested by some friends, which depicts the Sangam era from the perspective of a common man. Vandhiyathevan is everything—he can sing, dance, and be goofy, but also be serious. He's like an IAS officer without a department or a kingdom." On a lighter note, Karthi added, "As far as the romance side is concerned, Mani Ratnam sir takes care of it."

The actor also delved into the physical aspects of preparing for a role. "Facial hair has been like an armour for me over the years. I went to Ameer sir with a clean-shaven face and the immediate instruction was to grow a beard and get built. I cannot imagine doing the roles I did without a beard or a moustache. I have workout plans but since I don't take any supplements in any form, it takes time to achieve the desired look. This is exactly where I compensate with my costumes and grooming. *Kashmora* was one such experiment with regard to the looks. We did 20 look tests to arrive at the bearded and tonsured look, which accentuated the evilness of that character. But funnily, when we locked this look, enter Kattappa and people began drawing parallels."

Karthi, who has a couple of sequels in the pipeline, shared exciting updates about the upcoming instalments of *Sardar* and *Kaithi*. "We tried to keep Sardar as rooted as possible since it was inspired by a real character who was a stage actor and then trained to become a spy. *Sardar 2* will serve as both a prequel and sequel, showing events before and after the mission," he revealed. On *Kaithi 2*, he said, "*Dilli* was loved by all, and I loved the character for his great emotional arc and the personal tragedy he endured. I'm as excited as all of you to see him having biryani again."

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